

# Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1



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We had a fantastic Autumn 2! The children have worked extremely hard in all areas of their learning.

Our wonderful team of adults are here to help you with your learning this year. If there is anything you need to ask, please send us an email or catch us at the end of the school day.

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## Announcements:

**PE** will continue to be every **Tuesday** please ensure your kits are in school ready.

**Library** day is every **Friday** re-newals and returns.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day and record this in their reading logs. Children will receive a prize on Friday if they have 4 ticks in their logs!

## Diary Dates

Inset Day this term is on  
Friday 14th February 2025.

## Spellings

Here are some of the spellings we will be working on this year:

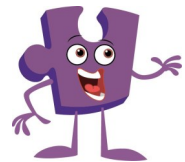
believe	experience
bicycle	experiment
breath	extreme
breathe	famous
build	favourite

## Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick

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In PSHE , we will be discussing 'Dreams and Goals'. We will look at how to overcome challenges.



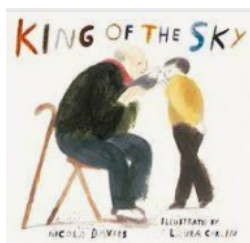
In RE, we will be learning about miracles of Jesus.

Can you tell your adult what a miracle is and can you name any?

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## English

In English we will be reading 'King of the Sky'. We will be writing setting descriptions and letters based on this text and similar texts.



Can you tell your adult what you have learnt so far about either a coal mining town or Rome?

## Spanish

We will be learning how to say animal names this term and use our learning from last term to talk about animals we like. We will also describe the colour of their fur.

Can you tell your adult what have you learnt so far in Spanish?

## Science

As scientists, we will be exploring the functions of different parts of a flowering plant. We will also conduct experiments to find out what plants need to live and grow.

When you next spot a plant, tell an adult what you know about them already from learning in year 2.

## DT

This half term we will use a range of techniques such as peeling, chopping and slicing to make our own healthy pizzas!

## Maths

We will be starting the term learning about statistics through the use bar charts and pictograms. The children will interpret data and draw them.

We will then be focusing on multiplication, consolidating the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and looking at the 3x, 4x and 8x tables.

As of Monday 12th January will be starting number sense. This is where we practise our times tables including doubles daily.

## Computing

In computing we will be using a computer programme called scratch. The children will learn how to code the character in their programme to move and make sounds. We will use this programme to sequence a piece of music.

Scratch can be used at home too!



## Home Learning

Try to read at least 4 times per week or even better, everyday for at least 20 minutes! Practice your timetables for at least 10 minutes everyday! This will support your learning within the classroom :)

Also, remember we have an [online library](#) now for you to explore from home!