



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1—2025/2026



Reading

This half term, we will be reading *The Fastest Boy in the World* by Elizabeth Laird. It is the inspiring story of a small Ethiopian runner with a very big heart.

The children will continue to develop their fluency and vocabulary knowledge as well as how to answer comprehension questions about the text.

Writing

In writing this half term, the children will be developing their narrative skills by writing a story. They will be learning how to develop characters through show-not-tell devices, bringing settings to life through vivid description and using similes to create an atmosphere that matches the mood of their writing.

Maths

In maths, the children will be applying their times table knowledge when learning how to multiply and divide using 2-digit numbers, involving the use of exchanges or remainders. They will then begin to explore lengths and perimeter.



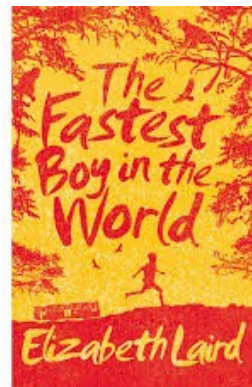
Key Dates

KS2 Singing Club—Young Voices @ o2: 21st Jan

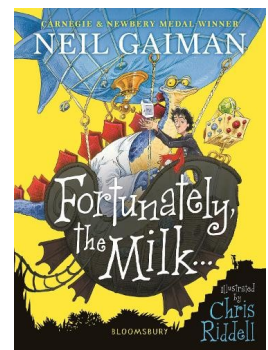
Children's Mental Health Week: 3rd—9th Feb

Yr3 Trip to Wisley: 25th Mar

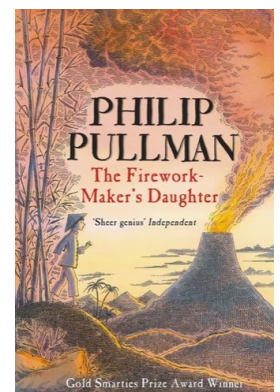
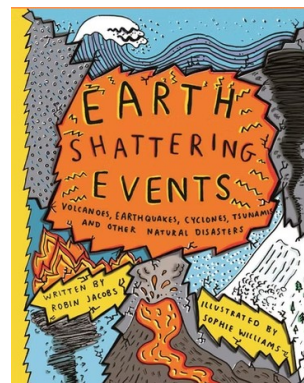
Whole Class Reading Book



Class Read



Suggested Books for Reading



Science

In Science this half-term, the children will explore Forces and Magnets. They will investigate the effects of friction of different surfaces, then focus on magnets by conducting investigations to test which materials are magnetic and how magnetism can be used as a non-contact force.



Geography

In Geography this half-term, the children will be developing their map-reading skills when locating countries and identifying key physical features and climate zones. They will be learning about areas of volcanic activity in order to be able to draw and describe



DT

In Design Technology this term, the children will be exploring pneumatic mechanisms that use compressed air in order to create movement. They will then design, build and evaluate a toy that uses a mechanism with a pneumatic component.



PE

In Indoor PE this term, the children will develop and apply their dynamic balance on a line and ball skills

In outdoor PE, children will be learning how to play tri golf, focussing on their chipping and putting skills.



RE

In RE, the children will continue learning about Christianity, exploring the big questions surrounding Jesus' Miracles:

Could Jesus heal people?

and

Did He perform miracles or was there some other explanation?



Music

Using the Chinese New Year as their starting point, the children will be gaining an understanding of pentatonic melodies through listening and responding to music inspired by dragon dances. They will be using tuned percussion to compose and perform their own dragon pieces, using musical vocabulary such as 'crescendo' in order to describe changes in dynamics.



French

Les instruments (instruments)



The children will learn 10 familiar instruments and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I play'. By the end of the unit pupils will be able to recognise, recall, remember and spell up to 10 instruments in order to create short phrases and sentences in French.

PSHE

This half-term, the children will be completing lessons from the 'Dreams and Goals' puzzle. This puzzle focuses on the children's aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.

