Year 3 Newsletter

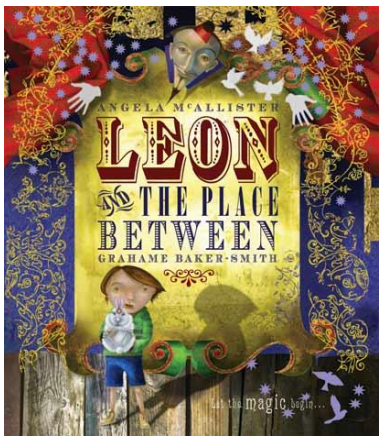
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We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children into Year 3 and getting to know them over the first few days. They have made an excellent start and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

Reading

This term we are going to be exploring different extracts, looking closely at how the characters are feeling and the vocabulary the author uses.

Writing



This term in Year 3, we will be writing a Character Description based on *Leon and the Place*. We will use informal language to describe characters, practising expanded noun phrases, subordinate conjunctions, and exclamation marks. Also inspired by *Leon and the Place*, we will focus on writing in the past tense, using informal language, subordinate conjunctions, and apostrophes for contractions to create lively diary entries. Finally, we will use formal language, organise our ideas into paragraphs, and enhance our writing with expanded noun phrases and subordinate conjunctions, based on the text *Here We Are*.

Maths



This term, children will focus on adding three or more single-digit numbers, practising both mental and written strategies while exploring different ways to combine numbers, including making tens. They will also begin to explore efficient addition and subtraction strategies, learning to make smart choices about the order of numbers and how to bridge tens to solve problems more easily. Children will be learning to work with numbers up to 100, focusing on how to compose and partition numbers and how to bridge 100 when adding or subtracting. They will practise using mental strategies and visual representations to make calculations quicker and more accurate.

Science

This term, we will be exploring food, diets, and skeletons—learning about different food groups, what makes a balanced diet, and how both humans and animals eat and stay healthy. We will also investigate skeletons, discovering how bones support, protect, and allow movement in humans and animals.



Design Technology

This term we are going to be researching different types of pizzas, exploring ingredients, and designing and making their own creations in the school kitchen.

Geography



We are going to be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes, exploring how they happen and the impact they have on people's lives.

P.E

Our PE days are Monday (outdoor kit) and Thursday (indoor kit). Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit – black or navy shorts, a white or pale blue plain round neck t-shirt and trainers. Please ensure your child always has a pair of PE trainers for both sessions.

Spanish



This term, the children will begin learning Spanish through the Language Angels programme. In their first unit, they will learn some simple Spanish words and phrases that can be used in everyday conversations. They will also learn where Spain is located on a map and begin to develop an awareness of Spanish culture and language. Through songs, games and interactive activities, the children will build their confidence in speaking and listening to a new language.

ICT

We are going to be comparing digital and non-digital devices and thinking about how we use them in everyday life.

Music

This term, Hare Class will enjoy weekly ukulele lessons with a specialist music teacher, and Red Squirrel Class will be following the Charanga music scheme to explore rhythm, singing and performance.

Star of the Week

We look forward to our celebration assembly every Friday in school. Star of the week certificates are given out each week linked to our school values.

Reading books

It is the expectation that children read their chosen book at home three times a week, an adult will need to sign to say they have read their book.



Thank you to all parents and family members for your support

The Year 3 Team