Year 3 Newsletter

November 2026

We hope you and your children had a wonderful half-term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting half term in Year 3! We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence, demonstrate positive behaviour and show determination and hard work in everything they do.

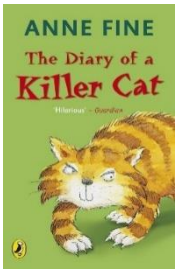
This half term, we will continue to encourage the children to demonstrate all our school values, with a particular focus on **honesty** as we look for our next **Values Champion**. We will be looking out for children who show honesty through their words, actions and everyday choices.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the Year 3 team if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning or progress. We look forward to continuing to work together to make this a happy, successful and enjoyable year for everyone!

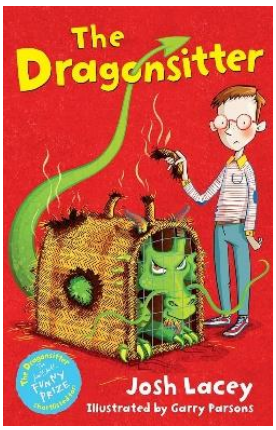
Reading

This half term, we will be enjoying the novel *The Diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine. This funny story is told by Tuffy, a mischievous cat who always seems to find himself in trouble! The children will use the story to develop their reading skills, including finding information, understanding new words, making predictions and answering questions about what they have read.

We will also continue our daily reading for pleasure sessions, where the class teacher reads a book chosen from our recommended reads. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to relax, enjoy listening to a story and develop their love of reading.



Writing



This half term, we will be writing informal emails inspired by *The Dragonsitter* by Josh Lacey. The children will enjoy responding to emails from the story while learning how to use friendly, informal language. We will also be developing our grammar and punctuation skills, focusing on subordinate conjunctions, apostrophes for contractions, question marks and exclamation marks.

Following this, we will explore *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna, using the beautiful illustrations and events in the story to inspire our own setting descriptions. The children will focus on using descriptive vocabulary to help readers imagine the different places in the story.

Maths

This term in maths, we are exploring numbers up to 1,000. The children are learning to read, write, and understand three-digit numbers, thinking carefully about the value of each digit in the hundreds, tens, and ones. They are using practical equipment such as base ten blocks, place value counters, and number lines to help them see how numbers are built and ordered.

Science

This term we will be exploring all about rocks. The children will look at different types of rocks and find out how they are formed. They will be investigating their properties, such as colour, texture, and hardness. They'll also discover how fossils are made and what soil is made from.



Design Technology

This term in D&T, we will be learning how levers and linkages work to create moving parts in models. We will explore different mechanisms and investigate how movement can be changed or controlled by where the pivot points are placed. We will design and make our own moving pictures or models that use a lever or linkage to bring them to life.

History

In History, we are going to be learning about the mining history of Armthorpe. We will find out how the opening of Markham Main Colliery changed the village and what life was like for miners and their families. The children will explore how the community grew around the pit and what has happened to the area since the mine closed.



PE

Our PE days this half term are Monday (outdoor kit) and Thursday (Indoor kit) Just a reminder to 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. Also, please ensure your child always has a pair of PE trainers for both sessions.

Spanish

In Spanish, this half term, we will be learning about animals through our Language Angels unit, *Los Animales*. The children will learn the Spanish names for ten different animals and develop their confidence in speaking and listening. They will also learn how to introduce themselves as an animal using the phrase *Soy...* (I am...). Through songs, games and fun activities, the children will build their vocabulary and improve their Spanish pronunciation.



ICT

During ICT, we will be learning how to create stop-start animations using the *iMotion* program. We will explore how a series of still images can be combined to make things appear to move. The children will plan their ideas, take photographs using an iPad, and experiment with timing and movement to bring their animations to life.

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.

Thank you to all parents and family members for your support!

The Year 3 Team