



Newsletter Spring Term



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome to a brand new term in Year 3! We are very excited to have children back, ready and eager to learn.

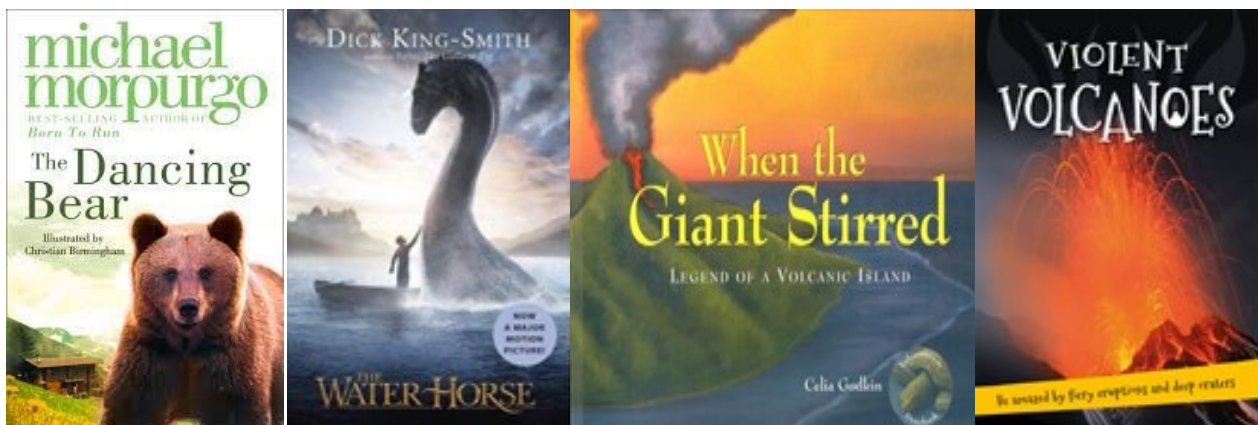
We made lots of wonderful memories in the Autumn Term and Mrs. Meakin and I can't wait to see what's in store between now and April.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement so far, it is greatly appreciated!

Our Topic: Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes

Our earth-shattering topic for the Spring term (until Easter) is going to be 'Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes'.

We will be reading different books to entice our learning and make reading & writing even more fun. The following books will be used:

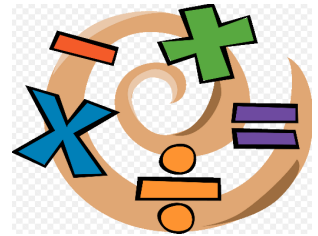


'When the Giant Stirred' is the book around which our English is based in Spring 1 and 'The Water Horse' is our Novel Study focus book.

Maths

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[Academy](#) Year 3 will be covering units 6 to 11 of the Oak scheme this term.



By the end of Year 4, all children should know their times tables up to 12×12 and will be tested on this as a National Test in Year 4. To help the children be confident in their times tables, we will have weekly times tables tests for children. As a reminder, the expectation is that children end Year 2 fully fluent in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and by the end of Year 3 they should also be fully fluent with their 3s, 4s and 8s.

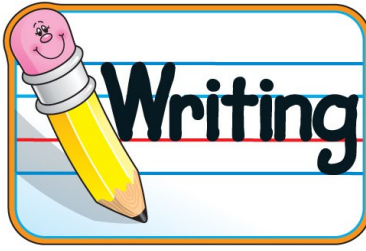


There are lots of great apps which help children to develop automaticity with their tables (by which we mean they can recall them within 5 seconds). The best of these is probably Times Tables Rockstars. Children will be able to access this in school and at home using a username and password. Reminder passwords are kept in school but please do get in touch if you need the details sending home again. The website to use is: play.ttrockstars.com

Your child may sometimes get set challenges or battles. This will be the first thing that appears on screen when you log on if there is an active battle. Good luck!

Reading

We would like the children to read at least 4 times a week at home and have their reading diaries signed by an adult. Parental support with Reading is absolutely amazing here at Wynndale! As well as reading at home, the Year 3 children will have an opportunity, at some point, to read with an adult - Mrs. Meakin hears readers as often as possible and I try to catch as many as I can during the week. We also have extra adults in school who will be spending time reading with the children throughout Year 3.



There is some beautiful handwriting in Year 3—definitely one of the first things to strike me when I met the class! Children should be joining their letters as much as possible. We will practice this in school regularly. It

would be great for practice to happen at home also to make it even better. The image to the right shows how we form letters.



There will be 10 spellings each week: the first ten are based on the weekly spelling rule. The test takes place every week.

There are many different strategies you can use to help your child to practice and remember their spellings in fun ways. The most effective is perhaps 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check'.

Children can also practice on Spelling Shed. If you need a login please ask myself or Mrs. Meakin.

Other subjects

As Linguists, we will continue with our learning in French. Over the coming weeks we are learning colours, how to count to 20, countries and how to say 'I like'.

As Scientists, our Science topics will be Light (Spring 1) and Humans and Other Animals (Spring 2).

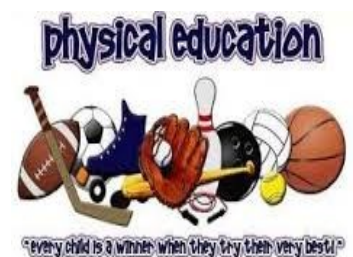
Excitingly, we have a specialist music teacher called Mr. Stanton coming in to teach a weekly music lesson. Children will get the chance to learn an instrument and develop their singing skills

In R.E. we will be continuing to look at different Religions and develop our speaking and listening skills.

PE

Our PE Days will continue to be Thursdays and Fridays.

We will be focusing on developing Football skills and skills in a range of Target Games.



Dates For Your Diary

PE:

Every Thursday and Friday.

Break up for Half Term: Friday 13th February 2026.

Back to school after Half Term: Monday 23rd February 2026.

Trip date TBA.



During playtime, children can bring a healthy snack from home to eat as their snack. This could be a piece of fruit, a cereal bar, carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks etc. Your child needs to put this in their tray in a morning and not be collecting this from their lunchbox.

Children should also bring a clearly named water bottle that is a school water bottle (like the one pictured above) and not a beautifully coloured/ decorated bottle. This should just contain water or flavoured water—not juice please.

Year 3 Teaching Team

Mr Shaw- Teacher

Mrs Meakin- Teaching Assistant