

Year 3 Newsletter (Spring)



Welcome back after Christmas and we hope you have had a fantastic start to 2017. As you are aware Ms Newman (Lion Class Teacher) has left on maternity leave. We all wish her well with the new addition to her family. As a result, the Year 3 team for this term has changed slightly:

- Meerkat Class will be taught by Mr Buksztel and Miss Worrall and supported by Mrs Room
- Lion Class will be taught by Mr Hackett, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Higgins and supported by Mrs Bailey

English:

Our new genre for the term is **traditional tales with a twist** and we will be studying the text the **True Story of the Three Little Pigs**. We will be learning the text and then creating our own version of a traditional tale with a twist. Later in the term we are covering **reports** and looking at the text **Romans in Britain**, this in connection with our foundation topic for the term. We then progress onto **journey stories (Flat Stanley goes to the Roman times)**, **Recounts (based upon Flat Stanley's adventure)** and end with a look at **poetry**.

Maths:

In maths we are continuing our learning by looking at a range of different areas. We begin with another look at **place value** and **measure**. Before proceeding to identify **fractions** of amounts and our first look at **data handling** for the academic year. We continue into the rest of Spring term looking at **division, multiplication, time** and a further look at **fractions**.

At home: Practice your times tables by the end of year three we should know our 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables. The children spend time in school working on these so help at home is beneficial.

PE:

Our PE slots for the year are as follows:

Meerkats: Tuesday and Friday

Lions: Tuesday and Wednesday

This term we will be focusing on **basketball** and **gymnastics** before Spring 2 sees us learn the skills associated to the sports of **cricket** and **hockey**.

Topic:

Our topic this half term is the **Romans**. We will study the Roman empire from its origins right through to its fall which includes the invasion of Celtic Britain as well as the impact that they have had on the world we live in today.

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As part of our learning in art we will be making our own Roman Mosaics, fit for a Roman villa! Our design and technology work will be split across the two half terms. Our focus in Spring 1 being designing and creating Roman buildings whilst Spring 2 looks at designing our own shields, ready for battle as part of our exciting school trip.

Science:

In our science lessons in Year 3 we will be looking closely at different types of **Forces** and studying the **Amazing Human Body**. Our science investigations look to give the children as many practical opportunities as possible to help make the learning relevant and contextual.

Music:

In Year 3 the children are very lucky to have Mrs Payne our wonderful violin teacher. The children will continue to learn new skills in playing the violin.

French:

The children will be learning a new language this year. They will have Mrs Tallet teaching them French. This will be once a week and the children will continue to develop their understanding of the basics of the language building towards having their own conversations and asking/answering questions.

Website: Remember to check the class pages regularly for newsletters, texts, updates and photos from work in class.

Homework: This will be sent home every Friday and is due in on the Wednesday of the week after. Homework will now be set by the class teacher and will be weekly. It will alternate between Maths and English.

Dates:

Friday 3rd February- Dick Whittington theatre performance

Friday 3rd February- PTA Discos

Friday 10th February- Last day of the half term

Monday 13th February- Friday 17th February- half term

Monday 20th February- children return to school

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March- Parent consultations

Monday 13th March- Friday 17th March- Science Week

Thursday 16th March- Parent consultations

Friday 24th March- Comic Relief

Wednesday 29th March- Lion Class Visit to Dell Farm

Thursday 30th March- Meerkat Visit to Dell Farm

Friday 31st April- Lion Class Assembly Friday 7th April- Meerkat Class Assembly

Friday 7th April- last day of term

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The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

Everybody knows the story of the Three Little Pigs. Or at least they think they do. But I'll let you in on a little secret. Nobody knows the real story, because they have never heard the story from my side...

I'm the wolf. You can call me Al. I don't know how this whole Big Bad Wolf thing started, but it's all wrong. Maybe it's our diet. It's not my fault wolves eat cute little animals like bunnies, sheep and pigs.

But, as I was saying, it's not true. The real story is all about a cup of sugar.

Way back in once upon a time, I was making a birthday cake for my dear old granny. I had a terrible sneezing cold and ran out of sugar.

So I went to the first little pig next door and asked for some sugar. Now he wasn't such a bright pig and had built his house out of straw. Who would build a house out of straw? So, of course, as soon as I knocked the door fell right in. I couldn't hear anyone. So I called "Little Pig, Little Pig". No answer. I took the sugar and walked out, when suddenly my nose started to itch. I huffed and I snuffed and my sneeze blew the house right down. Little Pig lay there dead as a door nail. It seemed a shame to leave a good pork dinner, so I ate him up.

Later that day I started to feel a bit better, but I still didn't have my sugar. So I went to the next house. This is where the next Second Little Pig lived. He was a little smarter, but not much. His house was built out of sticks. I rang the bell, but nobody answered. So I called "Mr Pig, Mr Pig". He yelled "Go away! I'm shaving my chinny, chin, chin". Suddenly, as I grabbed the door handle I felt another almighty sneeze coming on. I huffed and I snuffed and I tried to cover my mouth, but I just couldn't stop myself. You're not going to believe it, but this guy's house fell down too, just like his brother's. Like before, the pig was there on the floor, as dead as a door nail. Now you know that food goes off if you leave it out, so I did what I had to do. I had dinner again. Yet I still didn't have sugar for my dear granny's cake.

On I went to the next house. Apparently this guy was also their brother. He must have been the brains of the family. He had built his house with bricks. So I knocked on the door. No answer. "Mr Pig, Mr Pig. Are you in?" I was shocked when I heard the little porkers reply.

"Get out of here wolf! Don't bother me again!"

Talk about impolite! He probably had a bag full of sugar in his cupboard. What a pig!

I was about to go home when I heard another sneeze coming on. I huffed. And I puffed. And I sneezed again. Then the Third Little Pig yelled, "And your old granny can sit on a pin!"

Now I'm usually a pretty calm fellow, but talk about my granny and I will go crazy.

Just as the cops drove up, of course I was trying to break the Pig's door down.

The rest, as they say is history.