

# Year 3 Spring Term Learning



## English:

Our novel for the spring term is *The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson. We will be meeting Lady Agatha Farlingham, taken by the yetis of the Himalayas as a child and growing up amongst them. When tourist developments start to threaten the safety of the yetis, she enlists the help of local boy Con and his sister Ellen to try and get the yetis to the safety of her ancestral home, Farley Towers. Our work will include discursive pieces where we will focus on creating a balanced argument, instruction writing, travel writing and blogging. We will be looking for the children to become familiar with the layout and language of different styles of non-fiction texts.

## Maths:

In maths our learning of the 3,4 and 8 times tables will continue. We will be learning to tell the time and convert between digital and analogue time, as well as revisiting 2D and 3D shapes with a particular focus on problem solving and accurate construction of shapes. We will be ensuring that the children are familiar with the different coins and notes in use in the UK and how they can be combined to create different totals.

## Topic:

Our history topic is the Stone Age, where we will be learning about everyday life for people living in this time period as well as studying cave paintings and famous sites which still exist today such as Skara Brae and Stonehenge. In computing we will be creating digital images on the iPads and learning how to create files to organise and save them. In science, we will study first light and then forces, with practical work involving Newton meters, ramps to test friction and magnets. We will also look at tone and shading in art and continue to learn Latin vocab.

## Other information:

PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. Warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside.

Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle from home which they are welcome to store by the sink in their classroom.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from the Grant playground, in front of the ramp.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

## How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the main priority in Year 3.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 3 webpage.



English

Autumn: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Charlotte's Web*. Non-fiction writing based on the Romans.

Spring: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *The Abominables*. Non-fiction writing based on aviation.

Summer: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Wreck of the Zanzibar*. Poetry.

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations(+ - x ÷), fractions, measure, shapes.

Spring: Place value, four operations, money, time, shapes, angles, statistics, fractions.

Summer: Measure, place value, four operations, fractions, time, shapes, measure.

Physical Education

Autumn: Football, rugby, dance.

Spring: Hockey, netball, basketball, dodgeball, gymnastics and health related fitness testing/theory.

Summer: Handball, cricket, rounders, athletics and nutrition/healthy eating.

Science

Autumn: Animals and humans

Spring: Light; Forces and Magnets

Summer: Plants and Living things; Rocks.

History

Autumn: Romans

Spring: Stone Age

Summer: -

Geography

Autumn: Europe

Spring: Climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. Settlements and land use.

Summer: -

Computing

Autumn: Digital literacy: cyberbullying

Spring: Computer science: to write a program that achieves a specific goal.

Summer: Information technology: to make an animation.

D.T.

Autumn: Food and nutrition

Spring: -

Summer: Textiles project (tote bags)

Religious Education

Autumn: What is important to me; belonging to a religion.

Spring: Special journeys and places; the teachings of Jesus

Summer: Christianity; Expression of belief and identity.

Music

Autumn: Three little birds

Spring: Djembe course

Summer: BBC 10 Pieces (Delia Derbyshire—Dr Who Theme)

Art

Autumn: Tonking and sgraffito

Spring: Tone and pressure

Summer: Folk Art

Languages

Autumn: Latin—introduction to the family

Spring: Latin—Roman army

Summer: Latin—daily life of Romans

Growth and Reflection

Autumn: Anti-bullying; Online safety

Spring: Body image; managing conflict

Summer: Kindness; Where money comes from

### Year 3 Reading List

The Silly Book of Weird and Wacky Words (Non Fiction)	Andy Seed
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
The Epic Book of Epicness (Non Fiction)	Adam Frost
Football School: Where Football Explains the World (Non Fiction)	Alex Bellos
The Spy Who Loved School Dinners	Pamela Butchart
The Scarlet Files: Cat Burglar	Tamsin Cooke
Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure (Non Fiction)	Dr Dominic Walliman
The Bolds	Julian Clary
Superhero Street	Phil Earle
Wings: Flyboy	Tom Palmer
Smart About Sharks	Owen Davey
The Sword of Herobrine (Unofficial Minecraft fan book)	Jim Anotsu
The World According to Humphrey	Betty G. Birney
Harry the Poisonous Centipede	Lynne Reid Banks
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig
The Secret World of Polly Flint	Helen Cresswell
Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World	Georgia Pritchett
Revolting Rhymes	Roald Dahl
Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Alf Proysen
Wings: Flyboy	Tom Palmer
Smart About Sharks	Owen Davey
The Sword of Herobrine (Unofficial Minecraft fan book)	Jim Anotsu
The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas	David Almond
Lost Tales	Adam Murphy
How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell
Tom Gates: Genius Ideas (Mostly)	Liz Pichon
Goth Girl Series	Chris Riddel
Shackleton's Journey (non-fiction)	William Grill
Animal Ark series	Lucy Daniels
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo
The Magic Far Away Tree	Enid Blyton
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong
Billy the Kid	Michael Morpurgo
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
The Iron Woman	Ted Hughes
Making Millions	Erika McGann
Pax	Sara Pennypacker