

Year 3 Spring Term Learning



English:

Writing this term is inspired by Michael Morpurgo's *The Butterfly Lion*. We are introduced to Bertie as he meets and befriends a white lion cub in South Africa. We then follow the story of both characters as they travel far from home. Children will write in a range of styles including descriptions, letters and play scripts, learning about and using the distinctive features of each style. As well as reading the story together, children will 'get the story on its feet' with activities such as hot seating. The whole school Reading festival also takes place this term.

Maths:

With formal calculation methods now established, children can apply these skills to other areas, including measurement, money and area and perimeter. Children will also be reading the time in smaller time intervals than Year 2, and identifying 2D and 3D shapes. We will revisit fractions and learn to read and construct a variety of charts and pictograms. The Year 3 times tables of 3, 4 and 8 remain a focus this term.

Topic:

Our history topic is the Stone Age, where we will look at evidence such as Stonehenge, Skara Brae and stone tools to form a picture of what life was like during the Stone Age period. Computing will see us learning about information technology, practising skills such as saving, editing and organising work and designing images. In Music we are listening to and learning Reggae music, particularly Three Little Birds. In Art, we will practise the techniques of Tonking and Sgraffito. We will continue to learn Latin using the Minimus books and our RE topic this term explores Jesus as teacher. Our whole-school Inventors and Inventions project is launched in January.

Other information:

PE will take place on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. The PE requirement is white t-shirt, black shorts/sports leggings/jogging bottoms, and trainers. On Fridays, children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their school uniform with them in their bags to change into later. Warmer clothes (a plain black/navy blue jumper and/or a coat) would be advisable as PE will almost always take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from the Silverthorne playground.

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:

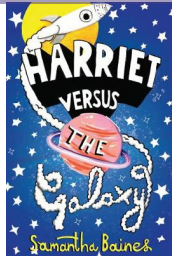
Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

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.

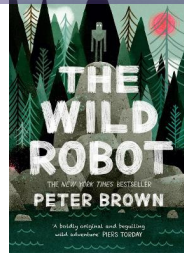
Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 3 webpage.

Recommended Reads for Year 3 at Bishop Road

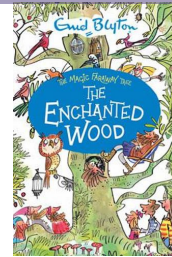
FICTION



Harriet versus the Galaxy
Samantha Baines



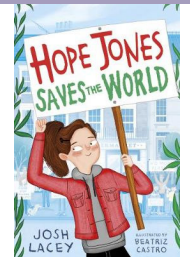
The Wild Robot
Peter Brown



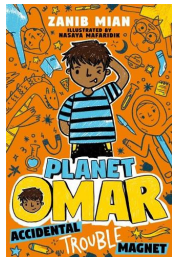
The Enchanted Wood
Enid Blyton



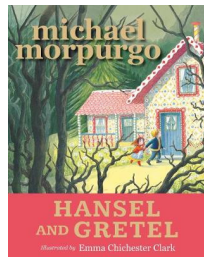
The Wizards of Once
Cressida Cowell



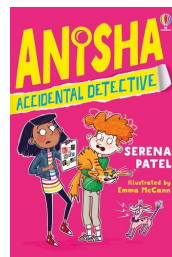
Hope Jones Saves the World
Josh Lacey



Planet Omar
Zanib Mian



Hansel and Gretel
Michael Morpurgo



Anisha Accidental Detective
Serena Patel

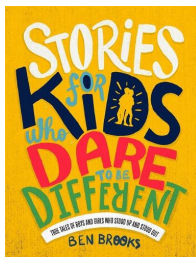


The Boy Who Grew Dragons
Andy Shepherd



The Dragon in the Library
Louie Stowell

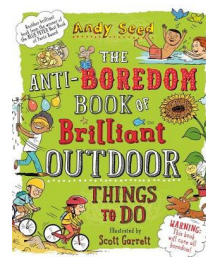
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Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different
Ben Brooks



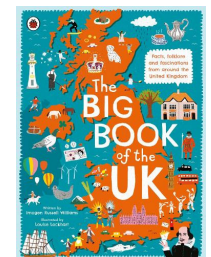
Michelle Obama
Anna Doherty



The Anti-Boredom Book of Brilliant Outdoor Things to Do
Andy Seed

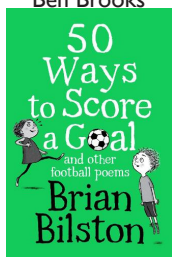


So You Think You've Got it Bad?
Chae Strathie

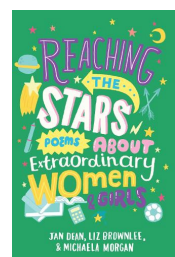


The Big Book of the UK
Imogen Russell Williams

POETRY



50 Ways to Score a Goal
Brian Bilston



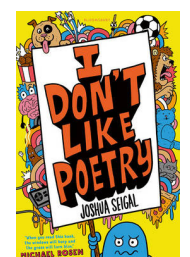
Reaching the Stars
Liz Brownlee



Spaced Out
Brian Moses



Quick Lets Get Out Of Here
Michael Rosen



I Don't Like Poetry
Joshua Siegal