



# YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

**Happy New Year!**

## Maths

In Maths we will be learning multiplication and division using our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will continue to develop a range of ways to apply the skills we have learned in a range of different contexts.

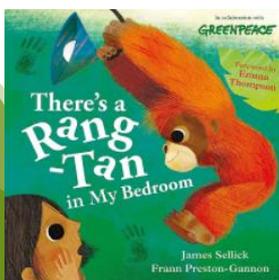
We will then be learning how to add and subtract different amounts of money as well as calculating how much change we should be given. We will be using a range of models and representations to help us with this.

This half term children will be using Times Table Rockstars regularly to help them develop their rapid recall of multiplication facts. Please help your child to practise their recall of multiplication facts on a regular basis (at least 3 times weekly). This is accessible at school and at home.



## English

This half term, in our English lessons, will be writing about Greta Thunberg and her important work to battle climate change. We will also be unpicking the 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom' Iceland advert to help us explore deforestation and the impact this is having on the wildlife that lives in the rainforest. Both of these units will provide us with lots of different writing opportunities such as writing a biography and developing our own campaigns against the destruction of the rainforest.



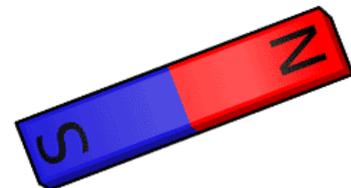
## Accelerated Reader

The children will continue to access the Accelerated Reader Programme. They will continue to select texts from the school library and will complete online comprehension quizzes before they change their books. Please ensure that you provide your child with opportunities to read aloud 5 times weekly as this will help to develop their reading fluency and use of expression. In addition to this, children will take part in weekly guided reading sessions.



## Science

During our Science lessons this half term, we will be continuing to learn about forces and magnets. We will be focusing on developing our understanding of magnetic fields and how they work as well as exploring how magnets attract and repel each other.



## Topic

Most of the foundation subjects will be taught within an exciting cross-curricular topic called 'The Amazing Amazon'. During our learning journey, we will locate the equator and explore the characteristics of different climate zones, using atlases to locate these around the world.

In Art we will be studying the artist Henri Rousseau and we will be creating artwork based around the rainforest using a range of different media.



In addition to this, we will be researching the foods that grow in the rainforest and comparing these to foods grown locally. We will then use this knowledge to help us make a variety of dishes in Design and Technology.

In our R.E lessons we will be learning about what Christians believe about living a good life. We will also continue to learn French in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL).

## Spellings

We will continue to send weekly lists of spellings home for children to practise reading and writing. Most spellings will be linked to rules that the children have been introduced to during their discrete spelling lessons. The hope is that once children have learnt a rule they will be able to use it in order to help them spell a wider range of unfamiliar words. Other words may be from the statutory word curriculum lists. Children will be tested on these on a weekly basis.



## P.E.

Last half term we really enjoyed learning lots of new skills in gymnastics. This half term we will develop the fundamental skills of balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping. Pupils will develop their ability to change direction with balance and control. They will be given the opportunity to explore how the body moves at different speeds as well as how to accelerate and decelerate.

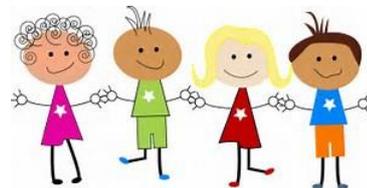
During outdoor PE this half term, we will be focusing on developing our tennis skills. Pupils will develop key skills such as the ready position, racket control and hitting a ball. They will learn how to score points and how to use skills, simple strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition.

Please note that children are expected to remove their own studs for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do this, please ensure that all jewellery is removed before the school day begins.



## Reminders

We encourage children to bring a bottle of water and a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables or yoghurt to school. Snacks can be consumed during break times.



## Ways to help at home

- Reading with your child 5 times weekly and filling in their reading diary.
- Supporting them with practising their spellings and engaging with Spelling Shed.
- Encouraging them to practise rapid recall of their 3, 4 and 8 timetables and using TT Rockstars 3 times a week.
- Supporting this half term's Christian Values of Joy and Love.