

Year 3 Learning Letter (Spring 2)

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Believe in world of possibilities

Year 3's Learning News

Spring is most definitely in the air as the mornings and evenings are all of a sudden much lighter. We can't believe that we have passed the half-way point for the year. The children are doing brilliantly and this was shown in their performances for the Spring Show. Thanks to all for supporting us.

This half term in Year 3, the 6R's skill we will be focusing on, in order to build our learning power, will be reasoning which will be a thread running through all our learning...We would love it if you, an aunt or uncle, grandparents...could recall a time when you needed to use your reasoning skills to solve a problem. *What happened? How did you feel? Afterwards, when you'd used this skill, how did you feel?* Building our ability to reason is a crucial life skill - thank you for sharing your story.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ E safety session for parents (Weds 1st March 3.20pm).
- ◆ 'Storyteller of the Year' Trevor Carter will be visiting on the morning of Wednesday 1st March to entertain us
- ◆ World Book Day Thurs 2nd March
- ◆ Year 3 Dance Festival @Freshwater, Friday 10th March all day
- ◆ Tues 21st and Thursday 23rd March (after school) teacher / parent consultations...letter to follow soon.
- ◆ Friday 24th March – COMIC RELIEF...non-school uniform day...more details to follow.
- ◆ Parent learning session on Maths with Mrs Rowe at 9.00am in 3R, looking at written methods for calculation
- ◆ Year 3 parent open session from 2.15pm in the hall on Thursday 6th April
- ◆ Friday 7th April – last day of term.

What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Reading... In Guided Reading we will be learning about different fiction and non-fiction texts, and furthering our comprehension skills. We will explore the features and content of information and fiction texts and answer questions based on the reader's inference and understanding. Reading is vitally important through all subjects and as a life skill, so please make sure that you read with/to your child as much as you can.

Learning Top Tip – Word searches and books such as 'Where's Wally' help to improve skim and scan techniques.

Maths... We will be reinforcing and extending our number skills: place value, number bonds, column addition and subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and worded problems will feature. Alongside this, daily practice of our times tables will be happening. We will be making sure we are secure in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning the 3, 4 and 8 x tables. This term will also be full of problem solving, learning new skills and investigations.

Learning Top Tip – Knowing your times tables quickly improves how well you can calculate bigger numbers too.

GRAMMAR - new curriculum expectations, which children need to know and be able to apply in their writing and reading: **prepositions, conjunctions, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant letter vowel, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')**

Learning Top Tip – Remember, punctuation is just as important as the words you use. It tells the reader **how** to read it.



The children enjoyed making truffles for the Fair Trade Café.

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

— Margaret Mead

If any parents could spare some of their valuable time to come into school and listen to children read, it would be very much appreciated. Please see Mr. Cox or Mrs. Rowe if you can help.

What we will be learning...

Geography_ We will continue our topic on Rivers. Look out for the Year 3 Home Learning project based on this topic. More details will follow in your child’s home learning book and on our class web page.

RE - Christianity linked to the Last Supper and forgiveness.

PE - Dance - Monday afternoon and ball skills and Tag Rugby On Tuesday afternoon. 3R swim on Friday.

Jigsaw (PSHCE) -Our topic this term is 'Healthy Me'

Science - We will continue our topic on Rocks and Fossils. This will also be linked to an English topic on Why Are Dinosaurs Extinct?

French- On Thursday afternoons, groups of children have a French lesson with Mrs Smith. This term they are learning about the names of the colours.

Computers: The children will be sharpening up their word processing skills by creating a fact file on a topic that interests them.

FAIRTRADE FOCUS 2017

This Fairtrade Focus week, we will be learning about how Fair Trade helps the people that produce the products we know and love. Our foodie focus this year is chocolate!

Did you know Cadbury's Dairy Milk has been Fair Trade since 2009? By 2019 Cadbury's aim to make all of their chocolate products Fair Trade. All year groups will be making delicious Fair Trade treats from banana splits to lemonade, truffles to cupcakes.

We hope that you were able to pop in and enjoy of treats at the Fairtrade Café on Friday 24th February.

6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

Reasoning

This half term we will be focusing on **reasoning**. The children will be encouraged to draw on their existing skills and knowledge to help further their learning and face challenges positively. We will be thinking about all the resources we have available to us that might help with our learning.

“The 6R’s are not just for in school, you can use them ALL the time!” (Perry 3R)

Home Learning ideas...

This half term our main topic is rivers. This is always a great year 3 topic which the children find very interesting. Find out as much as you can by looking at specific information books, atlases and also, when you are out and about in Bridport.

School Council News and Views...including Comic Relief news

Friday 24th March...

We will be taking part in Comic Relief by wearing **non-school uniform for a £1 donation**, to raise lots of money for this great cause. *Comic Relief works all year around to make their vision (of a just world, free from poverty) a reality.* **Red noses** will be for sale in your classrooms for £1 a nose, this year we have limited this to one nose per child (if they wish to buy one!).

We will also be holding a **cake stall**, so please help us by baking some 'yummy' cakes for school council to sell after school on Friday 24th March.

As school councillors we are very much looking forward to Comic Relief, leading the assembly to the school and organising the events.

Reminder to follow.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice