



# 3B's Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

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<p>Welcome to 3B. We hope you had a relaxing break, it is wonderful to have all of the children back and we are looking forward to a really exciting term.</p> <p>Your class teacher is: Fiona Buchan</p> <p>Other support staff in your classroom: Christine Dey and Jacqui Barton.</p>	<p>Children can come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesday and Friday when they have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit: white or house colour t-shirt, navy tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts, black trainers or plimsolls.</p>
<p><b>Homework</b> is put on Google Classroom on a Wednesday and should be completed by Monday. The homework each week will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maths - Times Tables Rockstars - 20 minutes per week and a piece of homework on Google Classroom each week;</li><li>- English - a spelling rule with five sentences to write on Google Classroom each week;</li><li>- Reading - read every day for 15 minutes and make a comment in the home-school reading book;</li><li>- 'Dip &amp; Do' - there is a topic based selection of activities on Google Classroom for you to do with your children at home should you wish;</li><li>- End of term homework (every half term) - we ask that each child complete a piece of work of their choice to showcase what they have learnt (in any subject) that term.</li></ul> <p>If you are having any problems accessing the homework, please let your child's class teacher know.</p>	
<p><b>Our Vision and Values:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Respect One Another</li><li>- Every Individual Matters</li><li>- Take Responsibility</li><li>- Strive for Excellence</li><li>- Try Your Best</li></ul>	<p><b>Our School rules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Show Kindness</li><li>- Listen Actively</li><li>- Walk Responsibly</li><li>- Respect Our Environment</li></ul>
<p><b>Important Dates</b></p> <p>Pedestrian training: Friday 19th January Children's mental health week: 5-9th February Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February Recycling Centre Visit: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February World Book Day: Thursday 7th March</p>	<p>Science week: 11-15th March Money week: 18-22th March Garden Museum Visit: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March STEAM Exhibition: Tuesday 26th March</p> <p>More information on these events will be given closer to the time.</p>



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## English

Focus Texts: *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward, *Flotsam* by Davis Weisner, *Cloud Tea Monkeys* by Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham and *Sparky* by Jenny Offill and Chris Appelhans.

Reading: We read every day using a variety of texts focussing on fluency and inference questions

## Maths

This term we will be starting with multiplication & division, including formal column method. We will move on to length & perimeter, then fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds. We will finish the term with mass & capacity. We will continue to practise our 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

## Science

Our topics are animals (including humans) and plants. We will compare, contrast and classify skeletons of different animals and learn about nutrition. We will observe what happens to plants over time, learn what they need to thrive and label the different parts of a plant.

## Spring Term Curriculum

## Computing

We will be using Scratch to programme a sprite. We will programme sequences, order commands, sequence sounds and make an instrument.

## History and Geography

We will learn about the Sustainable Development Goal: Zero Hunger by investigating food production and seasonality. We will learn about different climate zones and biomes across the world

## Modern Foreign Language (Spanish)

We will be learning about animals. How to say 'what is it?' and 'my favourite animal is'. We will listen to a story about animals and write sentences about animals.

## PSHE

Dreams & Goals: Understanding how to overcome challenges to achieve goals.  
Healthy Me: Learning how to look after my physical and mental health by eating well, exercising and keeping positive

## PE

This term will do invasion sports and learn the importance of teamwork in hockey and dodgeball. We will improve our coordination, flexibility and fitness in

## Art and DT

In Art we will study the artist Cezanne and produce still life drawings using chalk and pastel. In D.T. we will be designing balanced healthy meals and cooking flatbread pizzas

## RE

Christianity: Could Jesus heal people? Did he perform miracles or is there some other explanation? What is "good" about Good Friday?

## Music

### MX Play - recorders and singing

We will focus on learning to play the recorder and continuing our investigation of rhythm with body percussion, djembe drums and singing