

# Year 3 Newsletter



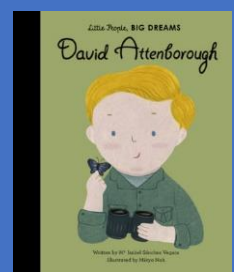
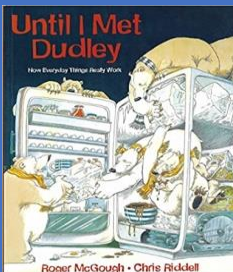
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## SpringTerm 1

Wednesday 3rd January 2024  
to  
Friday 9th February 2024

**Our topic theme for this half term is called 'Amazing Earth'.**

**What will we read this half term?**



**What will we learn this half term?**

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

**Our School Values**

**Achieve Care Value Listen Help**

**Our focus for this half term's value is 'Help'. We will be learning about the life and achievements of Greta Thunberg, and how she is continuing to help Planet Earth.**

## English

We will begin by reading the story - Where The Wild Things are. This is a story with both fantasy settings and characters. We will explore both of these in detail, and work up to writing our own fantasy setting stories. Lots of imagination will be needed here!

Later on in the term, we will find out what features are included in an explanation text, and look at a range of different ones, including the books – Until I Met Dudley and Wallace and Gromit - Cracking Contraptions. We will link this to our D.T. work on pneumatic toys, and our science work about forces and magnets, and the children will be able to write explanations for how their toys work, and include labelled diagrams.



## Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn:

Multiplication and division. This will include –

- Multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, with and without exchange.
- Linking multiplication and division.
- Dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit, using no exchange, flexible partitioning, and with remainders.

We will also learn:

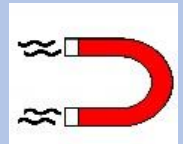
**Length and Perimeter, which will include –**

- Measuring in millimetres, centimetres, and metres.
- Equivalent lengths
- Comparing lengths
- Adding and subtracting lengths
- Measuring and calculating perimeter

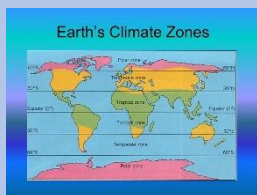
## Science – Forces and magnets

Through a series of practical and experimental activities, we will discover what a push and pull force is, and how we can make things move faster and slower. We will find out about the power of magnets and learn about magnetic poles.

We will read about the great scientist – Sir David Attenborough.



## Geography - Climate Zones



In this topic we will be finding lines of latitude and locating different climate zones, exploring the differences between the northern and southern hemisphere.

We will be comparing temperate and tropical climates, and looking at weather patterns within a climate zone. The children will have the opportunity to write a weather report for a typical day in a climate zone of their choice. We will read about the work of the young activist for climate change – Greta Thunberg.



## Design and Technology – Pneumatic Toys



After a thorough investigation into the principles of pneumatics, the children will work towards making their own toy as pictured to the left, using balloons and piping. We will tie this in with our English work on explanations for how things work.

Please save any boxes with fixed lids, such as teabag boxes, cat/dog food pouch boxes, and send them into school, to help with this project.

## **PSHE – Dreams and Goals**



The children will be exploring their dreams and ambitions. They will be setting new goals that they would like to achieve, and learning to overcome any obstacles along the way.

## **Music - Three Little Birds**

We will be learning the Bob Marley song – Three Little Birds. Through this, we will be learning about rhythm and notation.



## **P.E. – Dance**

**Please can all children have their full P.E. kit in school every Wednesday. If your child wears earrings, please provide tape to cover them.**

With our P.E. coach, the children will be exploring different dance moves centred around an animal theme. They will put a series of movements together to make a short dance sequence.

## **R.E. – What do different people believe about God?**

Children will explore their own feelings and thoughts about God, before finding out the main beliefs in Christianity. There will be opportunities to compare and contrast these to any other religions that they are familiar with.



## **French – Playground Games**



Children will use their previous number knowledge along with a range of new vocabulary in order to join in with board games as well as outdoor games, whilst practising their French!

Combien? = How many?    Plus=plus    moins=minus    Jai gagne!=I've won!

## **Homework**

As usual, a piece of English and Maths homework will be sent home in the homework book every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings and timetables will be given every Friday, and tested the following Friday.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. This may be their school reading book, or a different book/text of their choice at home.

We have some exciting topics for the half term ahead, which we are sure our children will enjoy and share with you at home.

As always, please chat to us at the door if you have any worries or concerns, or make an appointment for later in the week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes and Miss Fell