

Year 3 Learning Updates 2018/2019

September 2018

Year Three have had a very busy few weeks settling into their new classes. We have continued the English work we started in July and have been writing adventure stories about Traction Man. Traction Man went on lots of adventures, saving characters from different 'Kitchen Enemies'!

In Art, we have been practising our pencil skills by drawing and refining self-portraits. We then learned about abstract art and collage and had a go ourselves.

We have enjoyed getting into the routine of completing the Golden Mile and running or walking laps of the school field – we know we're getting fitter as we're getting more laps done!



The teachers would like to encourage the children to carry on playing TT Rockstars regularly on a laptop or tablet at home. If your child has not yet got a login for this site, please see a member of the Year 3 team as soon as possible.

In the meantime, if you wish your child to have access to some maths games, please use the link below. 'Number bonds' and 'times tables' are particularly good areas to practise.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

October 2018

Year Three have done some great learning this month and are fully settled in to their brand new school. We were fortunate enough to visit our local church, St Nicholas Church, to help our learning in RE.

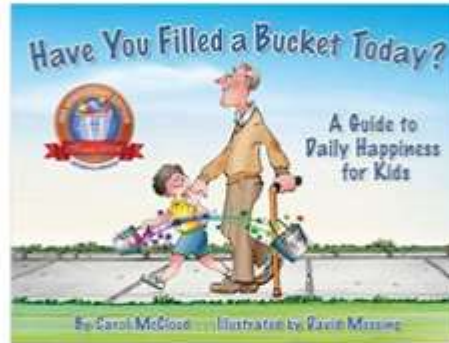
The children went on their visit in their new classes and each class learnt something different. The focus of the visit was the signs and symbols in Christian places of worship, and we got given a tour and talk by John who is a member of the church. The children had a fantastic visit and the year three teachers really feel like this has really helped their understanding in RE.



Year Three Learning Update- November

Year Three have done some great learning this month and are fully settled in to their new classes. They have spent some quality time getting to know their new class mates and class teachers.

In PSHCE, we have been discussing "how to be a bucket filler" – these aren't ordinary buckets, these are our invisible buckets that hold good thoughts and feelings about yourself. We have shared ideas on how to fill each other's buckets, including our families – several children said they would make their beds or tidy their rooms to make people at home happy!



We have started our new topic on computing and have been talking about ways to stay safe online. We have been using the laptops and learning how to use the mouse, left and right click (not swipe!). If you can practise these skills at home, that would be very useful.



January 2019

As a part of the whole school writing project, children in Year 3 have been sharing the book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker in their classes. They have completed a whole range of activities including role play (we went on our own imaginary ride on a magic carpet), vocabulary building and writing descriptions of the town below from the magic carpet. For the final piece of writing, we will all imagine we are on the magic carpet and describe our own journey.

Year Three January Learning Update

Year Three have had a lovely start to the New Year. As well as sharing our own experiences of New Year, we have been learning about Chinese New Year as part of our Modern Foreign Languages lessons. We learnt about the geography of China and some exciting facts about the country, as well as its culture. We learnt about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and learnt the history behind the famous Lantern Festival. For our final lesson we made traditional Chinese lanterns and decorated them with Chinese writing and pictures related to New Year such as fireworks and dragons.



Year 3 Circus Skills

Year 3 began the new half term with their 'Circus Day', where children had the opportunity to try out a whole range of circus skills. Children also spent time learning about and researching the history of the circus. Over the next few weeks, children will use this information to support their learning in English.

Photo to follow!

In Science, children will be learning about light and dark. The link below gives lots of information about the topic.

Year 3 Spring 2 Update.

Year 3 have enjoyed making music this half term. We have been practising our glockenspiel skills and listening to different types of music including Pop, Rock and African beats. It has been tricky identifying some of the instruments, but we have learnt about lots of different sounds like a violin, banjo and saxophone.



We were lucky to have a visit from the firefighters from our local Fire Station. The children were shown around the fire truck, learning about the different pieces of equipment, as well as being shown inside the main cab of the truck. We even saw the blue lights flashing! The firemen also explained to all of us why it is so important to leave the school quickly and sensibly if we ever hear the fire alarm – even if it is a practise alarm.



Year 3 April Learning Update

This term, all Year 3 children have started a Design and Technology project making "levers" to create moving elements in a poster. The aim of the poster is to promote caring for the environment (focusing on school and home particularly). The 3 R's will be promoted: Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle. The children have also thought of other ways we can care for the environment too, including not littering, turning off electricals when we aren't using them and not leaving taps running. Many children have already brought home mini posters to stick up and use at home.



Year Three have also started to look at a new book in English called 'The Snow Dragon' written by Vivian French and illustrated by Chris Fisher. The children have loved reading the story so far, and they can also listen and watch the story on the BBC website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p011lb5t>

In this unit of work we will be doing lots of role play, punctuating speech correctly in writing and writing their own story based on the story.



Year 3 May 2019

Year 3 have had a busy half term. In Science, we began our topic on Plants and Growth and set up and investigation to find out what plants need to be healthy.

We planted 5 pea-seeds:

1. Had everything it needs to be healthy: water, sunshine, soil (nutrients), and air.
2. Had all the above but no water.
3. No sunlight (it is growing inside a box!)
4. No soil – we planted it in sand!
5. No air – it is growing inside a bag or a jam jar.

So far, we have been very interested to see the results. We will keep observing and measuring.

Watch this space!

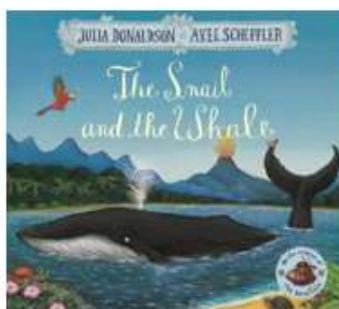


In English, we have been reading the Snow Dragon story and have written our own stories based on the book. We enjoyed coming up with a range of 'hot and 'cold' vocabulary to use and describing volcanoes and snowy mountains.



Year 3 Learning Update – June 2019

We have been really enjoying our Julia Donaldson unit in English – thank you to all of those children who have brought in some of their Julia Donaldson books and audio CDs. We have focused on "The Snail and the Whale" and the children have written a new part of the story about how the snail travels from the beach to the school to ask for help to save her friend, the whale. There have been some very creative ideas including travelling by grasshopper, scooter and even a drone!



The Geography home learning projects were a huge success – thank you! It was clear to see how much hard work had gone into creating beautiful displays with incredibly interesting information. The children took great pride in displaying their work and sharing it with the other children as well as many parents who came to look after school. Here are a few examples:



