

Welcome to Year 3

Tuesday 14th September



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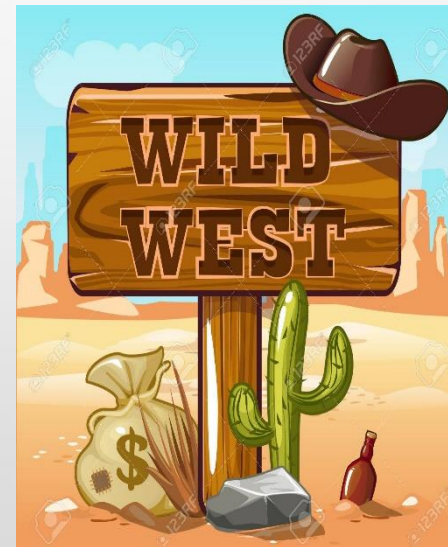
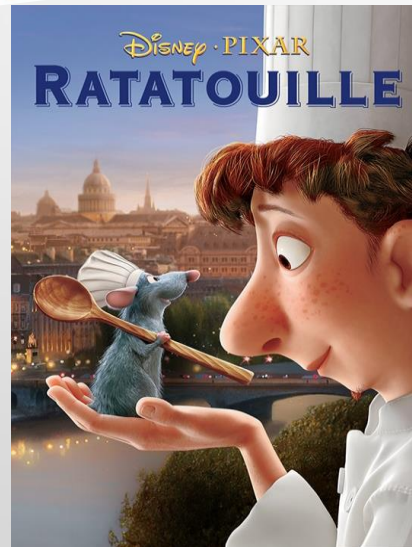


Mrs Cleaver
Wise Owls and Super Squirrels
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What's New?

- Covid restrictions
- Changes to weekly homework
- A focus on reading

Our Topics





English



In English, we will be covering these genres:

- Narratives
- Reports
- Poetry
- Persuasion
- Myths and Legends
- Riddles
- Play scripts
- Letters
- Mysteries

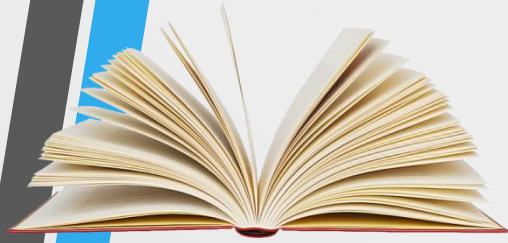
Writing is usually linked to the topic we are studying.

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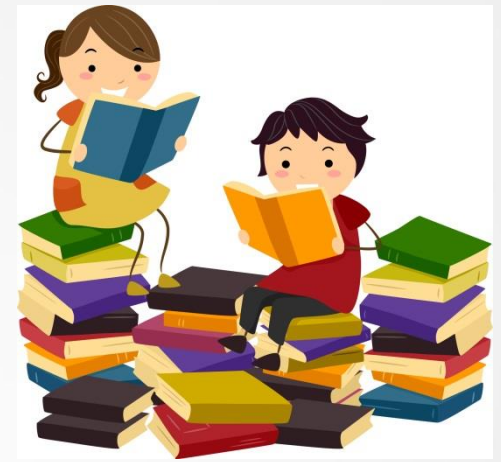


We are still using cursive handwriting

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m n o p q r s t u v
w x y z



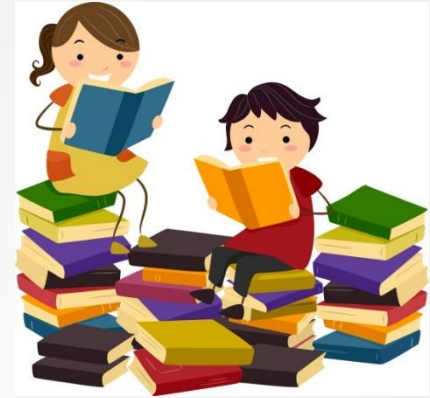
Reading in School



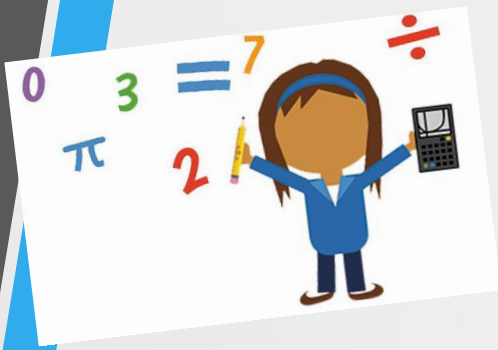
- Reading is a particular focus for the school this year.
- We listen to the children read individually once every two weeks.
- They will also read as a whole class 4 times a week during our ERICA sessions and they will have a smaller group guided read once every two weeks.
- We are implementing a new rewards system for reading.



Reading at Home



- Children need to have their reading books and Home School Links books in school every day so we can record all individual and guided reading sessions and also read your comments.
- We ask children to read their book (or a chapter of their book) more than once to ensure they have a good understanding. This is so they can:
 1. Decode
 2. Build fluency
 3. Comprehend what they have read



Maths

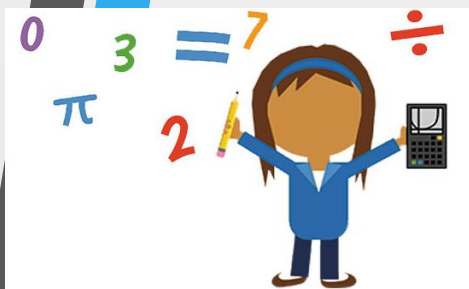


We will be covering a range of units:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Length and perimeter
- Area
- Times tables
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Money
- Time
- Statistics
- Geometry

Maths

Times Tables

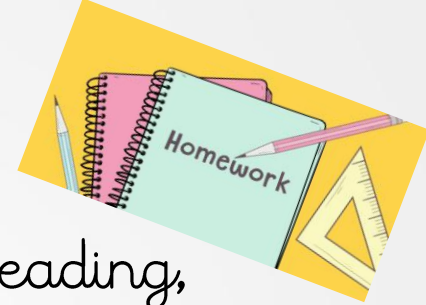


- Times Tables are an area of focus for Key Stage 2 pupils as there is a multiplication check in May for Year 4 children.
- It is essential for children to practise their times tables as often as possible in order to prepare for this as they will be expected to know all of their Times Tables up to 12×12 both quickly and fluently.
- TT Rockstars is a fun and engaging way for your child to practise. Your child should now have their log-in details in their Home Links Books.
- In Key Stage 2, we have a TT Rockstar of the Week certificate to celebrate Times Tables achievements.

Spelling

- Year 3 and 4 common exceptions words are in the Home School Links books (p. 25).
- We have introduced a separate 20-minute spelling lesson in addition to our English lesson every day. In these sessions, children will learn spelling rules and practise common exception words.
- Instead of a weekly spelling test, children will be practising 'fast 5' words every day in school and at home. There will not be a weekly test but some of these words will be tested in our half-termly assessments.

Homework



In order to focus on 'The Basics' (children's reading, spelling and mental maths) we will not be setting weekly English and Maths homework as we did after lockdown.

Instead, homework will be:

- Reading at least 3 times a week (children will be rewarded for this in school as part of our new strategy)
- Daily practise of their 'fast 5' words
- Regular Times Table practise

Subject Leaders will be setting optional exciting homework and projects throughout the year!



Extra-Curricular Experiences



Thankfully, many of the extra-curricular activities which children were unable to take part in last year due to covid restrictions are now able to take place.

This is subject to change, but school trips, visitors in school, Forest School and swimming lessons can go ahead.

- Our Forest School Parent Engagement session will take place on 7th October.
- Year 3 will start their swimming sessions on 18th October. You will receive more information about this closer to the date.

Drop-in sessions with Teachers

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about any concerns or queries you might have, you are now able to attend our drop-in sessions after school.

Our drop-in sessions will take place on a Monday.

If you are unable to attend this session, please speak to a staff member on the door and we will arrange a time to speak to you.

Sports



- Swimming sessions will form part of our Physical Education curriculum.

PE

- Children will need to come to school in their PE kits and they will stay in them all day.
 - They must wear their PE kit and not other sports clothes.
 - A reminder that long hair needs to be tied back and earrings need to be removed.
- Year 3's will have PE every **Monday**.

General Information about Key Stage 2

- Children no longer receive free school meals unless you qualify for them. Please speak to the office if you would like any information about this.
- Key Stage 2 pupils are also not entitled to free fruit, so please provide your child with a healthy snack for break time if you would like them to have one.
- Children are expected to change their own reading books in Key Stage 2. Please encourage your child to change it if they finish their book at home.
- Times Tables are now very important due to the upcoming test. Here is an idea of what the test will be like:

Multiplication tables check

Start

[Settings](#)

You can change the difficulty by using more time or no time limit at all per question.
After the test you can print the results.

Show previous results

[Times Tables Test](#)

Any questions?



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