



# Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to all of our Year 3 families! What a term we have already had so far. The children excelled themselves in the Lion King performance, learnt a lot about Amazing Animals, enjoyed a trip to Whipsnade and a danced their socks off in the dance workshop within school.

We are now looking forward to the Spring term, which will introduce new learning about Kings and Queens, inspired by our Tower of London trip in March. During this theme, we will be exploring many of the monarchs over times but in particular William I, Henry VIII, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout our theme we will make comparisons and contrasts of crime and punishment. Please do have a look at our 'I can' statements which explain the different learning the children will focus on. These can be found on the school website under the 'Teaching and Learning' tab.

I couldn't be prouder of the maturity our Year 3 children show across everything they do. We look forwards to sharing more of their fantastic achievements on the website, our Facebook page and through our Marvellous Me app. Here's to another wonderful term with the children.

Best wishes,

*Charlie McNeaney*

Year Leader  
and the rest of the year 3 team.



**Please be aware we have some children with severe nut allergies in year 3 and therefore kindly request that you do not pack any nut products in your child's lunchboxes.**

## REMINDERS

### PE DAYS

Please ensure children have their kit in school on the correct days. We will be going outside in all kinds of weather so the children will need warm clothing.

HB1 – Monday and Thursday

HB2 – Tuesday and Wednesday

HB3 – Monday and Friday

HB4 – Wednesday and Friday

### LIBRARY DAYS

HB1 - Friday

HB2 - Tuesday

HB3 - Thursday

HB4 - Friday



## YEAR 3 TOWER OF LONDON TRIP

Our trip to the Tower of London is fast approaching. If you are available to help on the trip we would be very grateful. Our safeguarding policy requires every adult to have a recent DBS check from Loughton School (if you have one though any other organisation you will still need to apply for a new one to adhere to the regulations). You can get a DBS check by speaking to Janet Hobbs in the office on [hobbsj@loughton.school](mailto:hobbsj@loughton.school) Please do speak to your class teacher if you would like any further details.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will continue to be set to complement the learning taking place in school. There will be maths and spelling set alternate weeks. Please check your child's Homework book/folder for any work set and support them in the completion of it. A year 3&4 homework club is run by Mrs Murray on a Wednesday lunchtime for any child who would like a quiet place and time to do their homework or who may need help. They just need to turn up at HB1 at 12.45pm.

Reading is seen as a daily homework activity whereby they read for at least 15 minutes – see below.

## **READING JOURNALS:**

Reading journals have been a huge success this year so far! To make it even easier for your child to record their reading, the journals will no longer be in homework books. Instead, the children have been given their journal in a plastic wallet. They should continue to bring their reading journals into school every day and take them home every night. Children should be reading regularly and recording this into their journals. We encourage that children read little and often but ideally at least four times a week. When they have their reading recorded and signed by an adult, at least four times in a week, they then receive a raffle ticket. They put their name on the ticket and it then goes into a draw. A winner from each class draw receives a prize - a book of their choice.

## **SPRING FAMILY READING CHALLENGE.**

For the start of this spring term, we have a reading challenge for your family (a parent mail was sent last term regarding this). An author for the month of January has been chosen – Michael Morpogo. We challenge your family to read any Michael Morpogo book together and to demonstrate this challenge has been completed, some evidence has to be submitted from your child. They could bring in a photo, write about the family's favourite parts of the book, make a 3D model of their favourite scene etc. This will be rewarded with some raffle tickets for the draw and a reading certificate. Come on – take up the challenge and enjoy the world of reading and some good quality family time.



## **MARVELLOUS ME AND VIP OF THE DAY!**

We hope you have enjoyed receiving updates on the Marvellous Me app. If you haven't yet downloaded the app please ask your class teacher for a new login because you might be missing out on some of the fantastic achievements your child has done at school. We will now be including the VIP of the day in our Marvellous Me updates so you can speak to your child about the VIP treatment they had during the day.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM**

Wednesday 22 January - Writing parent workshop for parents at 7pm

Tuesday 28 January – Choir at Young Voices

Tuesday 4 February – Safeguarding workshop for parents at 7pm

Friday 7 February - Interim reports go home to parents

### **Parents' evenings –**

**Tuesday 11 February 4:00 – 7:00**

**Thursday 13 February 5:00 – 8:00**

Friday 14 Feb – School closes for half term (3.30pm)

Monday 24 February - Back to school

Thursday 26 March – Keeping fit and healthy parent workshop (7pm)

Thursday 26 March Tower of London trip for HB2 and HB3

Friday 27 March Tower of London trip for HB1 and HB4

Wednesday 1 April – Yr 3/4 Sports relief family fun run (1.30pm)

Friday 3 April – School closes for Easter Holidays (1.30pm)

Please check the whole school newsletter or website for any additional dates for your diary.