



THE RADSTONE  
Primary School

Spring Term

# Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a very happy 2024! We're excited to be back working with the children and hope they have a super Spring term. We have many things to look forward to, not least our trip to Everdon in March. Similarly to last term, if any issues arise which you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a phone call with one of us.

## The Year 3 Team

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Class Teachers

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**Mrs J Keites**

PE Teacher

**Mrs K Fulford**

Art Teacher

**Ms L Wickham**

Music Teacher

**Ms B Fanthorpe**

French Teacher

## Subject Overviews

### English

This term we will be linking our writing to our History topic and write a setting description about Pompeii on the day Mount Vesuvius erupted. We will explore different vocabulary associated with volcanos and how to build tension and drama in our writing. We will then develop our powers of persuasion and write an advert for joining the Roman Army, using rhetorical questions and emotive language. After half term, we will work on our narrative skills using the text of *'The Last Bear'* by Hannah Gold, followed by exploring structured poems, using the anonymous poem *'I asked the Little Boy who cannot see'*.

### Maths

During the first half of the Spring term we will continue to spend time working on multiplication and division, particularly focusing on written methods, before carrying out work on length and perimeter. Later in the term, we will be focusing on fractions before moving on to mass and capacity. In each area that we cover in Maths the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

### Science

During the first half term the children will learn all about Rocks and soils, the 3 main groups of rocks/the rocks cycle, fossil formation, and will learn how soil is formed from rock. Later on in the term we will complete a topic on plant life cycles.

### Computing

Throughout the term the children will be working on their coding skills using the block programming tool 'Scratch.' They will initially develop their skills with block programming, before learning how to fix bugs within existing programming on Scratch.

### Design and Technology

This term the children will be learning about pneumatic systems before designing and building their own simple, pneumatic moving mechanisms.

## Events

**Monday 15th January**

Teacher clubs begin

**Monday 19th- Friday  
23rd February**

Half term break

**Tuesday 27th February**

Parents' Evening

**Thursday 29th February**

Parents' Evening

**Monday 4th March**

Teacher clubs begin

**Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day (children  
can come in dressed as  
their favourite book  
character)

**Monday 11th-  
Wednesday 13th March**

Everdon Residential 3LH

**Wednesday 13th-  
Friday 15th March**

Everdon Residential 3LT/  
RP

## Humanities

This term in History the children will be learning about The Romans. They will learn about how the Roman Empire developed, what daily life was like for people living in Roman times and compare Celtic Warriors to Roman soldiers. After half term, in Geography, the children will be learning all about Rivers. They will locate the world's largest rivers, learn how they shape the land and about the land forms they create. We will also look at the importance of rivers to humans.

## PSHE/RE

In the first half term in PSHE the children will be focusing the topic "Keeping Myself Safe" where we will be looking at road safety, keeping ourselves safe online, assessing risks and drugs and alcohol use. For the second half of the term we will be looking at the topic "Rights and Respect" where we will look at managing money, volunteers and respecting our environment.

In RE we will focus on Jewish life and celebrations in the first half term and after it we will look at why Easter is important to Christians.

## PE

In PE this term the children will be playing Quicksticks Hockey. They will be learning the basics of dribbling, passing and shooting. We will cover the basic rules of hockey and begin to apply the skills we have learnt in small sided games. They will also be continuing with swimming up to half term.. After half term Year 3 will be doing yoga and experiencing a completely different form of physical activity. They will learn the physical and mental benefits of yoga and some of the key poses. Year 3 will also be working on tennis and gaining greater control using the racket. They will develop more consistent contact with the ball and be able to understand what is meant by the ready position. Hand eye co-ordination will be improved and they will start to work more competitively with a partner.

## Art

In Art and Design this term, we will be exploring the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. inspired by the pattern in his work, we will develop our printmaking skills by creating individual and collaborative prints. Throughout the term we will be continuing to use our sketchbooks to plan, explore techniques and develop our ideas.

## Music

In Music the children will be learning about the musical features of Reggae and it's context in musical and social history. They will be singing songs with themes of Spring and Easter.

## French

Year 3 have done so well in French lessons so far! The unit covering shape and colour, with a focus on Matisse, was really successful and the children created some lovely artwork of their own. This term we will start to learn some numbers in French and use them to play some French playground games. We hope that Year 3 will continue to really enjoy it!

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