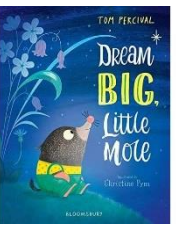




**Blackman Class:
Miss J. Bowman**

Year 3 Newsletter - Term 3

**Percival Class
Miss E. Gore**



Welcome to Term 3. We hope that you had a happy and peaceful Christmas break and that the children are ready and excited to start school again. Thank you for supporting your child at home with their learning- it makes an enormous difference to their experiences in school. Please find below most of the important features that we will be covering in Year 3 this term.

Please remember to pack your child a fruit or vegetable snack for breketime, sweets and chocolate are not permitted. We expect the weather to continue to be cold and wet over this term.

Please can you ensure your child brings in a **waterproof coat with a hood every day**, and named gloves and scarves.

Can you please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. No flavoured water or juice please.

Home learning opportunities

A big reminder to continue daily reading with your children at home. We recommend a minimum of 10 minutes. We also recommend daily practice of spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables practice using Times Tables Rockstars – there will be competitions this term for the most correct answers, so get practising!

Maths



In Maths we will be learning more on multiplication and division, leading onto length and perimeter. We will be introducing multiplying a 2-digit by 1-digit number leading to word and practical problems, whilst introducing units of length, defining perimeter and learning systematic methods of calculating perimeter.

Science

Our key question is: 'What are the properties of rocks?' Children will learn how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They learn how to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and finally they learn how to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

PSHE

The topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals', the class look at examples of people who have overcome challenges to achieve success and discuss what they can learn from these stories. The children identify their own dreams and ambitions and discuss how it will feel when they achieve them. They talk about facing learning challenges and identify their own strategies for overcoming these.

Dates for your diary

Term 3

Term Starts: 4th January
25th January – Anti-racism workshop
5th February - Open classroom
30th Jan – 6th February – National Story Telling Week
6th February – Safer Internet Day
Outdoor Hockey Week: Beg – 15th January
Term ends: 9th February

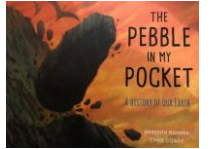
Year 3 Teaching Support Team :

Miss E. Gore
Miss J. Bowman
Mrs M. Williams
Miss E Smith
Mrs J. Buczkowska

As usual, if you have any questions or queries, please ask any of the Year 3 staff team who would , or alternatively you can email us. Our email address is: year3@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

English

This term we will be reading The Pebble in my Pocket by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady. This is a fantastic picture book that describes the history of the Earth, and looks at the journey of a pebble- tracking from its origins in a fiery volcano to its place in a modern landscape. We will be looking at non-fiction writing and using the text to create 'blackout' poetry.



Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking at Sikhi. Our key question is: What is important for Sikh people? The children will be looking at describing things that are important to Sikhs and how these impact their lives and actions. They will make links between Sikh stories and the actions of Sikhs today, and make suggestions about why it is important for Sikhs to become part of the Khalsa.

Physical Education

PE will now to be on a Monday afternoon for Year 3, and this will be Tudor Dancing in the Hall, please make sure your child has the appropriate indoor PE kit (shorts) and **no earrings on PE day**. Week beginning 15th January is our blocked PE, this will be outdoor Hockey. Children will require shin pads and mouth guards to use the wooden hockey sticks. Girls and boys will change for PE in separate classrooms.

History

From week 3 until Term 4, we will be learning about the Romans. We will be looking at where they came from, life in Britain before the Romans invaded, how the Roman army enabled them to expand the Roman Empire, as well as how the Romans changed Britain once it became part of the Roman Empire.

Our key question for this topic is: What have the Romans done for us?