

Year 3 Newsletter - Term 5

**Blackman Class:
Miss J. Bowman**

**Percival Class
Miss E. Gore**

Welcome to Term 5. We hope that you had a happy Easter 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 breaktime, sweets and chocolate are not permitted. We expect the weather to be wet over this term. Please can you ensure your child brings in a **waterproof coat with a hood every day**.

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 focusing on time, children will be learning to read an analogue and digital clock to the minute. We will also be finding the duration of an event. Later in the term, we will be looking at mass and capacity and fractions. Our times tables focus this term is on the 2s, 4s and 8s.

Science

Our key question is: 'How do magnets work?' We will be exploring contact and non-contact forces; different types of magnets and the properties of everyday objects that are magnetic. We will also look at how magnetic forces can act at a distance.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw piece for this term is Relationships. This puzzle piece will help us learn how to make positive friendships, taking responsibility for our actions and showing respect.

Dates for your diary

Term 5

Term Starts - 15th April

Class & sibling photos – 17th April

3B Class assembly: 2nd May

Year 3 school trip to Kingswood: 16th May

Sports Week – 20th May

Open classrooms – 20th May

Sports Day – 22nd May

Fun Run – 24th May

Term ends: 24th May

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

We will be working from the book 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. This is a rich story text about a robot who is accidentally activated, having been washed up on a remote island when a cargo ship sinks. At first the animals that inhabit the island fear Roz but she soon becomes a significant member of their community. Our Writing for Pleasure focus for this term will be Fairytales- the children will be planning and writing a fairytale, creating characters and plotlines.

Religious Education

In RE this term we will be looking at Christianity. Our key question is: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? Here the children will learn that Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the 'Kingdom of God. We will continue our learning on The Holy Spirit and learn about Pentecost.

Physical Education

Both classes will have their weekly PE lesson on Wednesday afternoon, and this will be Cricket outdoors. Please make sure your child has the appropriate PE kit and **no earrings on PE day**. Girls and boys will change in separate classrooms. Week beginning 20th May is our school Sports Week so please ensure your child's PE kit is brought in every day.

Geography

This term we will be learning about rainforests across the planet. We will be looking at the layers of the rainforests, indigenous people of the Amazon and how deforestation affects the rainforest. Our key question for this topic is: 'Why are rainforests important for our planet?'

