



Welcome back to Year 3!

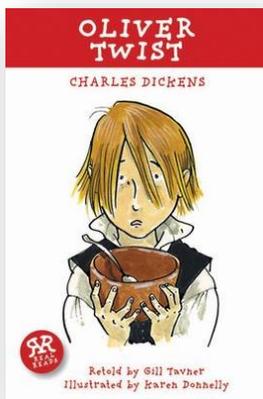
Spring 2

Hope you had a restful half term and enjoyed the winter sun!



This half term our whole school theme will continue along the theme of
Let's Go Wild!

Our History topic this term will focus on The Victorian period. The children will gain an insight into life in Victorian Britain, finding out how it differs from life today. We will become historians to investigate into different aspects of Victorian life and use different methods to find, record and analyse information from the era. Through drama based activities we will produce work that will enable us to imagine what life might have been like for children back then!



In PSHE we will be thinking about global citizenship and enterprising ways that we can support charities, with a focus on those helping the environment.



In English, we will be studying the text 'Oliver Twist' originally by Charles Dickens but we will study a retelling of the story by Cill Taverer. Children will be writing their own historical narrative with a focus on descriptive writing, higher level vocabulary and using conjunctions such as 'because', 'while', 'if' and 'then'. They will be proof reading and editing their work to ensure the best outcomes. Children will also learn how to write a personal letter and a non chronological report which will link directly to the History work.

In Maths, money will be our first unit. Children will recap the coin and note values, learn efficient methods to add and subtract different values and use their reasoning skills to solve money problems. Children will plan and cost Oliver's trip to London using these skills. Later we will move onto a unit on statistics. Children will learn how to read, interpret and present data using pictograms, bar charts and tables. This unit will link closely to our Geography work—looking at statistics about the UK.



Computing will again be integrated into other aspects of learning with a specific focus on programming using a programme called Scratch Junior and Scratch. Children will recap the SMART rules to keep themselves safe online. If you as parents have any internet safety questions or you need help to ensure safe settings online please come and see us and we will more than willing to help.

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday with Mr Hewitt as well as dance with Miss Lara. Children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather is still cold children can bring a plain black/grey tracksuit into school for outdoor PE and trainers.



HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to go out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday so we have time to go through the tasks in class together.

Each week children will have a short Maths and English skills burst activity and spellings to practice. Please ensure children write out their spellings 3 times and then write them into a sentence. Children who do not score well will be asked to do further practice and will be tested again.

At different points in the term children will be set project work linked to the theme where the return dates will be specified.

We really look forward to seeing more fabulous homework pieces this term!

Children should read their reading books every night and your comments in planners are really useful. Please question children about what they have read to ensure they have a good understanding of the text. We will send home some example questions that we use in school to support your questioning.

Key dates:

7th March—World book day

8th March—Victorian Day

Can the children please come into school dressed as a Victorian child on this Friday. We will be spending the day as if we were in a Victorian classroom to gain an immersive experience into what life would be like as a child in Victorian Britain.

4th April—Easter Service

5th April—Break up for Easter holidays

