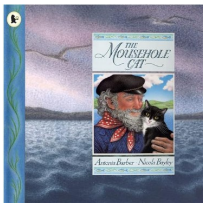
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Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026-2027

English



This half term, we will be looking at the book, 'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Barber. The book tells the story of the seaside village of Mousehole in Cornwall, where Mowzer the cat lives happily with old fisherman Tom. Their life is a happy one – until one terrible winter, the Great Storm-Cat comes clawing and snarling and leaping at the harbour walls, so that no boat can go out to sea to fish. Soon, with Christmas coming, there is no food left in Mousehole. It is then that Mowzer and Tom set out to brave the fury of the waves together, and discover that it might just need a cat's perspective to understand – and tame – the ferocious ways of the Great Storm-Cat sea.

Science

This half term, Year Three will be studying 'Light and Shadows'. Through this topic, we will be investigating what we need in order to see objects in a dark place and discover how light travels. We will also investigate shadows, light and reflections



Maths

This half term, we will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction as well as beginning multiplication and division.

Year 3 will be looking at the adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers using the formal method as well as estimating and using inverse operations.

Additionally, we will be exploring the 3,4 and 8 times table with both multiplication and division.



Mountains, Rivers and Coasts

Our topic this half term is 'Mountains, Rivers and Coasts.

Through this topic, we will be learning about:

- The journey of the river
- The water cycle
- Rivers for people
- What are mountains?

Please remember to read your books at least 3x weekly. Reading Records are due in on **Monday**

Spelling tests are on a **Wednesday**-use Spelling Shed to help you learn!

PE day is Monday. Please provide a PE kit that will be suitable for outdoor sessions.

Please note swimming will be on a Thursday this half term.

R.E

Year Three's topic of study for R.E this half term is 'Religion in focus: Sikhism'.

In this unit, children will learn about the characteristics of the Sikh faith, including:

- How and when the religion was founded
- Who Sikhs worship
- Place of worship
- Key religious festivals and celebrations

P.S.H.E

Our topic this half term is 'Celebrating Difference'. Through this topic, we will be learning about:

- Families and their differences.
- Family conflict and how to manage it
- Witnessing bullying and how to solve it
- Recognising how words can be hurtful
- Giving and receiving compliments



Music

This half term we will to learning percussion instruments. We will working on gaining confidence when performing.



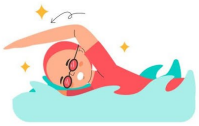
Computing

This half term, our topic is 'Creating Media'. During our Computing sessions, we will explore stop frame animation.



P.E

This half term's PE focus will be 'Dance' and 'Swimming'.



Key Dates

W/C 2.11—Poppies on Sale

11.11—Remembrance Day

13.11—Children in Need

18.11 and 19.11—Parents Evening

11.12—Christmas Fun Day

14.12- Talent Show Auditions

16.12—Christmas parties

17.12—Glenthorne's Got Talent & Break up day