

## Year 3 Update 12.09.25

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3. The children have settled in very well during their first week back at school and are getting used to the new routines in Key Stage 2.

In RE, next week the children have started their new topic, 'Creation'. The children have been working in groups to pick our descriptive words used in the creation story and they have used these to draw their own interpretation of the creation story.

Key vocabulary: **Genesis, Old Testament, New Testament, prophecy**

English: Writing to entertain based on the book Mini Rabbit Not Lost by John Bond.

- Throughout the week the children have written the introduction, introduced the problem and described the setting.
- Used **co-ordinating conjunctions** to extend sentences. Reinforce learning here: [What are coordinating conjunctions? - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Revised learning from year 2 on **nouns** [What is a noun? Definitions and examples - BBC Bitesize](#), **adjectives** [What are adjectives? - BBC Bitesize](#) **verbs** [What are verbs? Definitions and examples - BBC Bitesize](#)

Key vocabulary in red.

Coming up next week: Writing about Mini Rabbit's journey using powerful verbs, using the past progressive tense and the simple past tense.

In Maths, the children have been learning about place value, which will be our focus for the next few weeks. They have been learning about representing two and three-digit numbers in different ways.

Key Vocabulary: **representation, dienes, place value, digit, re-group**

### Spellings

Your child has received their spellings for this week. Each week their spelling test will be based on the spelling focus they have been learning about in class. This week we focused on the rules for using the long vowel sound 'a' for example: e.g. **rain**, **spray**, **cake**, **weight** and **lady**. Each week they can practise writing their spellings on the sheet provided. Their spelling test will be completed every Monday and from next week they will receive new spellings on a Tuesday.

### Homework

This weeks homework has been set on Teams. Each week it will alternate between English and Maths. This will be due in on Thursday. All children have been given their TT Rockstars logins which can be found in their reading records. We would like them to test their logins this week and explore some of the games.

### Science

- Learnt the scientific names given to different types of skeletons and sorted animals according to whether they have an endoskeleton or exoskeleton.

Coming up next week: exploring the different bones that make up the human body and the importance and function of the skeleton.

### Messages:

- A reminder that no earrings should be worn in school.
- It is important that your children are reading daily at home. Please record daily reading in your child's reading record with a comment when necessary, about how they have read and what page they have read up to. This will be collected and checked weekly. As a school, we are focusing on reading and are really trying to

encourage the children to read daily at home. We will count the number of reading comments each child has every week and these will be added up, where the children will receive house points and earn raffle tickets to win a prize.

- Reading books will be changed on Monday. Your child will receive 3 books, to be read throughout the week. **Please remember that your child's books will not be changed unless they have been signed by an adult in their reading record.** Children who are 'free readers' will be responsible for changing their own book, but this will be overseen by an adult. The children have been introduced to how to sign books in and out of the class library. Your child will only be able to change their book if an adult has written that it has been completed in their reading record. It is important their daily reading is recorded in their reading record.
- Watford Football Club will be coming into to teach football on Mondays. Please make sure they have their PE kit, grey joggers and trainers in school.
- Homework will be set on Teams every Friday to be returned on the following Thursday.
- Homework has been set on Teams. Please check you can access the homework and let us know if there are any problems.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Shannon and Olivia 😊