



Dear Parents/Carers,

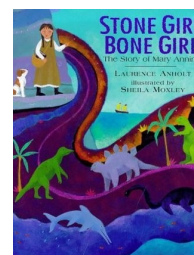
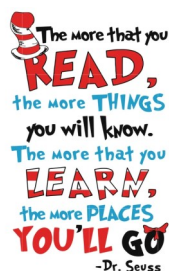
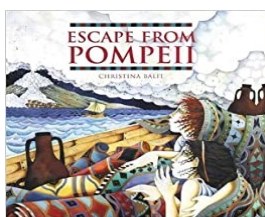
This is our second newsletter of the year. Firstly, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we hope that you had a lovely break. We have lots to do this term and we hope the children will enjoy and be successful in their learning. We encourage parents and carers to ensure that attendance is good so that the children receive the best opportunities to make progress.

English/Geography/Science

Our project/topic for the Spring Term is Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. Your child will learn about the different layers of the Earth, including plate tectonics and their potential effects on the Earth's surface. They will investigate different types of rock to learn about their uses and properties. They will also investigate soil types and fossils, including learning about the work of Mary Anning, the renowned **palaeontologist**. Your children will have the opportunity to use different maps to learn about the lines of latitude and longitude and a compass to learn about the cardinal and inter cardinal points. It would be great if you could discuss this at home with them! They will also learn about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and the long and short-term consequences that these can have.

We will be following the National Curriculum and our aim is to provide the children access to a full and broad spectrum of study that is both stimulating and engaging. In English, we will be focusing on writing letters, fact files and narratives. In order to achieve our target, we will be immersing children into a variety of texts. The books we will be focusing on are:

Stone Girl, Bone Girl, Escape from Pompeii and The Firework Maker's Daughter.

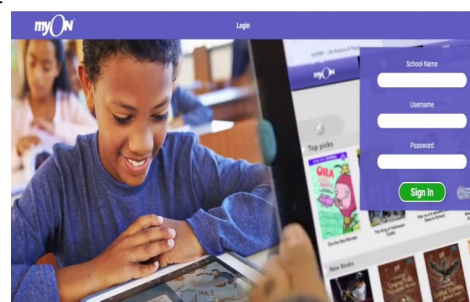


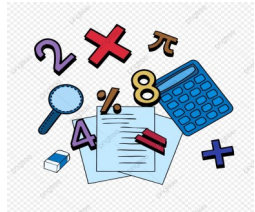
Reading is the key to success! It is very important that your children read every day.

It is helpful if you question the children about the book they are reading. We have provided children with a prompt sheet, which will help you to ask focused questions based on the book they are reading. The sheet is kept at the back of the Home-school Diary. Below are some example questions that you could ask. Your children also have access to MyOn which is an online library of books that the school have invested in. [MyOn](#) is a great opportunity for your children to read a wide range of books at the touch of a button.

Ask questions such as:

- How do you think the character is feeling?
- Why do you think that?
- Can you find the answer in the text?
- Is this a fiction or non-fiction text?
- What are the features of the text?
- What do you think might happen next?





Maths



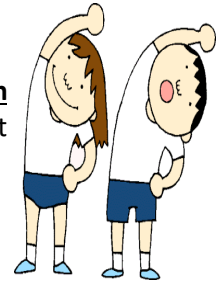
This term we will be continuing with multiplication and division, focusing on the 4 and 8 times tables. We will be learning to multiply 2 digit by 1 digit including exchanging. We will also be dividing 2 digit by 1 digit including with remainders. We then move on to length and perimeter learning how to measure in mm and cm. This will also include comparing lengths. In addition, we will be looking at fractions, learning what a denominator and numerator is, ordering fractions and working out



PE

The children will be taught physical education lessons each **Monday**. Please **send your children into school dressed in their PE kit** which includes a white t-shirt, shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls/trainers.

All jewellery should be removed on PE days and tie back hair for health and safety reasons.



ART / Design & Technology

Linking with our 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' topic your children will be making ammonites using different mediums. We will also be exploring mechanical toys.



Computing

During the Spring term and as part of our Purple Mash planning, your children will be introduced to touch typing and how to use E-mail safely. As a school, we will also celebrate safer internet day in February. Please do discuss the importance of online safety with your children at home

RE

This term, Year 3 will be looking at Christianity and Buddhism. They will also explore the Hindu festival of Holi.



PSHE



We will continue to promote both our school and British values. In the Autumn Term, we introduced **our 5 core values** and will continue to focus on them through our assemblies in school. As a school, we will be engaged in different activities which will further enhance your children's understanding of the values and how they can demonstrate them. Please discuss the school values with your children and let them know when they have demonstrated them at home.

Homework

Homework is given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. The children will receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework each week. The homework should consolidate their learning from the previous week. On occasion, we will be providing homework on **MyMaths** and **Purple Mash**.

Please continue to check that your child has completed their homework on time.

If your child has had any difficulties completing the homework then please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 Team

Mr Davis (Year 3 Team Leader)

Mrs Skeat (Class 10)

Mr Sales (Class 11)

Ms Walsh/ Ms Finnegan (Class 12)