



Year Three News

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'What is unique about our local area?'

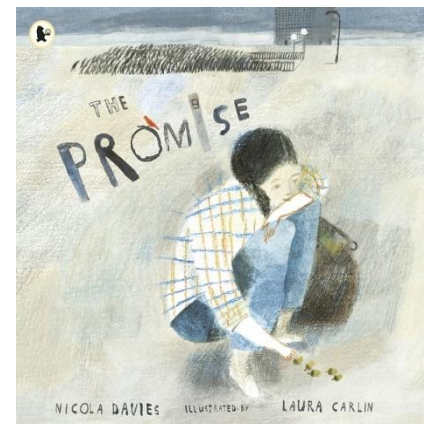
During the half term, the children will be focusing on the local area of Odiham, they will be able to identify key features of the area as well as categorising the land use. They will use different fieldwork activities to help them develop their understanding of map skills as well as human and physical features.

Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half term's habit of focus is **CRITICAL THINKING**.

English

In English we will first be reading a text called 'The Promise' and focussing on writing a letter. In this learning journey, we will be concentrating on developing our understanding of different sentence types, using conjunctions to join our ideas and the importance of editing our work. Following this unit, we will spend some time reading the poem 'Twas night before Christmas', and unpicking the vocabulary. The children will each be allocated a verse or two, which we will spend time rehearsing, focusing on our expression, pace and phrasing. Finally, we will perform our verses together as a class piece, which we will video and watch back to see our fantastic reading in action.



Please continue to support your child at home by reading with them at least 3 times a week, and record this in their reading record. Reading records will be collected in every Monday, and we will monitor their progress and update their reading levels when necessary. Your child will receive spellings every week, and they will be tested on their spellings on a weekly basis. Please continue to support them with learning their spellings too.

Maths

We begin the term by continuing our work on addition and subtraction with numbers up to three digits, but this time we are moving on to using column method to complete our calculations. Children will learn to identify where exchanging needs to take place, and will use their mental maths strategies to help them solve addition and subtraction problems. Our second maths unit for this half term will see us learning how to multiply and divide, and explore the relationship between these two operations. As always, please can you support your child by ensuring they complete their maths homework each week and encouraging them to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars for regular times tables practice.

INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNICATION

CRITICAL THINKING
RESILIENCE

COLLABORATION
RESPECT

Science

This half term our scientific focus will be 'light'. We will learn how to identify the differences between sources of light and reflections, and explore how light affects shadows. We will also be completing our own scientific investigation, making predictions, talking about fair testing and discussing what we have found out.

PE/Games

Children have two PE sessions each week, with each session lasting an hour – including changing time. It is really important that children have their kit in school on these days. As the weather is now getting wetter and cooler, please ensure that your child has black or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms in their kit and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Thursday - Dodgeball**
- **Activity 2: Friday - OAA**

We therefore ask for your support in encouraging your child to bring their PE kit home every Friday for washing.



Homework

Each week your child will have Reading, Times Tables (TTRS) and Spellings to complete at home.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in, or come and speak to us at the end of the school day on the playground.

Kind regards,

The Year Three team
Mr Barry and Mrs Ray

Dates for the diary:

November

10th History Day (Dress up is encouraged)

16th History Day exhibition (3:30 – 4)

December

5th/6th Lower school Christmas Production

7th / 8th Secrets Room

13th Rocksteady Concert 2pm

14th - Christmas lunch, Jumper Day and Carol service at church (No parents)

15th - End of term awards assembly 9am

January

2nd INSET

3rd Back to school