



Year Three News

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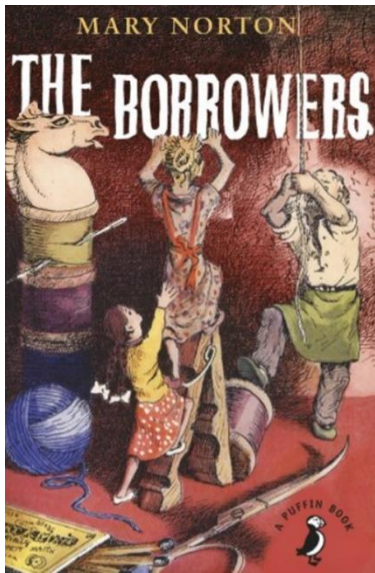
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Which biome would you rather live in?

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 **COMMUNICATION** and we will learn how we can communicate better with our peer group.

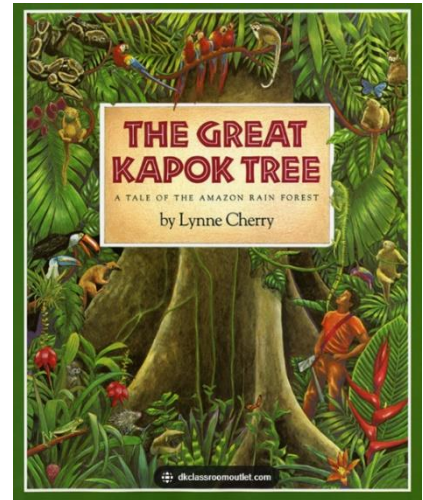
English



We will begin the half term by reading extracts from *'The Borrowers'* by Mary Norton. The children will be taught how to use inverted commas to punctuate speech when creating their own adventure narratives. Our second learning journey is based on *'The Great Kapok Tree'* by Lynne Cherry, where the children will be discussing deforestation and using descriptive and figurative language to create their own poems about sustainability.

Throughout the term, the children will be taking part in five guided reading lessons per week. These activities will often be based upon the class book we are reading at the time which is crucial in immersing the children in the story. The children will continue to partake in weekly spelling lessons linked to a particular spelling pattern to support them with learning and retaining their spellings. Handwriting lessons will continue to be delivered to support

children in their presentation and striving towards the ultimate goal of achieving, (and retaining) their 'Pen licence'.



Maths

We will be starting our next large unit in maths which will cover all we need to know about fractions. This will include identifying fractions of shape and amounts, adding and subtracting fractions, and ordering and comparing fractions. Please support your child by ensuring they complete their homework each week and encouraging them to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars for regular times tables practice.

Science

This term we will be learning all about plants. The children will look at the different parts of a plant and learn about the conditions required for them to grow. We will also discuss the different methods of seed dispersal and investigate how water is transported from the soil to the leaves.

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Geography

Over the summer term, we will be learning all different Biomes in order to answer our enquiry question. During the unit, we will compare biomes across the world, identifying their key features, what the climate is like as well as the flora and fauna. This will lead to our trip to RHS Wisley where we will be able to experience what it is like in a rainforest to then compare this to a deciduous forest which you find in Britain. We will continue to develop our geography skills of identifying countries of the world, comparing different locations, and using compass points.

Art

In our art lessons, we will be learning how to use painting, sketching and oil pastel techniques to produce a rainforest mixed media scene. The children will be taught how to add tone to their pencil sketches and will produce observational drawings of a chosen rainforest creature, before using a collage effect to help to camouflage their animal within the rainforest scene.

PE/Games

Year 3 have their PE lessons on the following days: **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**

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. Even though the weather is now getting warmer, we may still get caught out in heavy showers, so please ensure that your child has a change of socks, trainers and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Outdoor games / ball skills**
- **Activity 2: Rounders with our sports coach**



Homework

Each week your child will have reading, times tables (TTRS) and spellings to complete at home. Alongside these tasks, each Wednesday a Maths or English weekly task will be set which is due in the following Wednesday.

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 speak to us at the end of the school day on the playground.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team

Mr Barry and Mrs Ray

Dates for the diary:

15th April – First day of Summer Term

22nd April – Clubs start

6th May – Bank Holiday

22nd May – RHS Wisley trip

24th May – Red, White and blue day

27th May – 31st May- Half-term

3rd June – Inset Day

11th June – Sports Day

17th June – Class photos