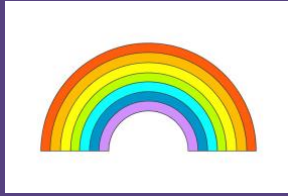




# YEAR 3 NEWS



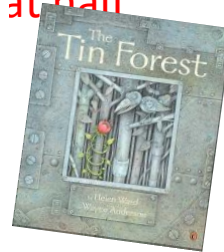
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term and are now all refreshed and ready for this busy time in the lead up to the end of the year.

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## LOOKING AFTER OUR WORLD

Our focus books this half term are *The Wombles* by Elisabeth Beresford and *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. These are both great stories that help us think about the world we live in and how we look after it. We will be looking closely at how language is used to create detailed and imaginative descriptions of settings and characters and we are going to write our own story too.

Our Science focus is finding out more about light and shadows and we are looking forward to some interesting investigations that will help us learn more.



### REMINDERS

Mr. Yates class will continue to go swimming this half term on a Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bakewell's class will start swimming after Christmas.

PE for 3SB will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

Please remember to log on to Spelling Shed, MyMaths and our new favourite, Times Table Rock Stars. We will be checking these each week and rewarding the children with house points.

Please continue to read at home and make sure your child brings their book to school every day. When reading at home, please use the online reading log to let us know how your child did. These can be accessed via MarvellousMe or on the school website.

Marvelous Me is our main means of communication. Please check regularly and let us know if you are struggling to access messages.

We will be thinking carefully about how we can look after our environment and talking about pollution and recycling in more detail.

In Maths we will be learning more about place value and completing tasks involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be thinking more about using what we already know to solve word problems and looking closely at numbers in order to identify patterns that will help. We are setting the challenge of creating models using recycled materials inspired by the characters in our focus books. We hope to see imaginative models made of all sorts of junk appearing in our classrooms soon.

In PE, 3AY will continue with swimming and 3SB will be working on their gymnastics skills.

Both classes will continue to work with the music teachers from In Harmony where they will be learning lots of new songs as well as the basics of rhythm and pitch. Our musical genre of the term is music of the 1980's so we will be listening to some classic hits!

In RE, we will be marking the run up to Christmas by finding out about the beliefs of Christianity. We will be learning about festivals and finding out what Christians do when they attend church. We will also be learning about the events of the Christmas story and why they are important to Christians.

In computing, we will continue to learn about staying safe

online but we will also be learning how to make the internet work for us by searching for important and accurate information.

We will also be learning to speak a little Spanish.

## Phonics

We will continue to work in our phonics and reading groups every morning. We are committed to helping every child become a confident reader and all the children will work in small groups to help them develop their phonics and reading skills working at their own level.

This is going to be a very busy term but we are sure that it will also be very enjoyable.

With thanks

Simon Bakewell

Andy Yates

