Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term. Our half termly theme is the concept of **Building a Sustainable World**. Children will begin to understand the impact that they have on our world and how to ensure they look after it for future generations.

Attendance

Kingfisher: 97.8% Woodpecker: 95.5%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers, we will be…..

focusing on the book '*The Secret of Black Rock*' and '*Tale of Tin Forest*'. As we study the book, we will then look at narrative and a range of sentence structures. At the end of term, children will use vocabulary, learnt techniques and their own creativity to invent their own version of the story. We will introduce 'Recount Diaries' and use the text to help us write in this text style.

We will continue to practise our VIPERS skills which will focus on the domains of Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explaining and Evaluating, Retrieval and Summarising/Sequencing. This will include planned opportunities to practise skills of reading which are scaffolded, modelled, and then independently executed. Spellings are sent home weekly and are linked to the phonic activity and the Year 3 spelling words.

As scientists, we will be…..

studying forces and magnets. We will

- Understand forces can be contact and non-contact.
- Understand how contact forces affect an objects movement across a surface.
- Know about magnets.
- Understand how to identify if a material is magnetic.
- Know some uses for magnetic materials.

As Mathematicians we will be learning:

Fractions

- Understand the denominators of unit fractions
- Compare and order unit fractions
- Understand the numerators of non-unit fractions
- Understand the whole
- Compare and order non-unit fractions
- Fractions and scales
- Fractions on a number line
- Count in fractions on a number line

Mass and Capacity

- Use Scales
- Measure mass in grams
- Measure mass in kilograms and grams
- Equivalent masses (kilograms and grams)
- Compare mass
- Add and subtract mass
- Measure capacity and volume in millilitres
- Measure capacity and volume in litres and millilitres

As **musicians** we will be using Charanga to listen and appraise a range of different types of music and perform a range of songs.

As **theologians** we will be looking at Values and asking ourselves the big question: What matters most?.

As **linguists** in Mandarin, we will be studying Colours, Animals /Pets and Cultural art.

Building A Sustainable World

As members of the **Oasis Community**, we will be looking at our Global Goals. In Year 3, our Global Goal is 'Life Below Water.' This involves looking at features of coastlines and looking at the history of the '2-minute Beach Clean.'

As **good citizens** we will be developing our understanding of making the right choice. We will be able to recognise and explain how to keep environments safe and choose the safest option. We will also be looking at links between work and money and the impact this has on our lives.

As **artists** we will be exploring 3D paper collages. We will also be using plastic from our oceans to create emotive pieces of art, as well as exploring what murals are and making our own.

As **athletes** we will be begin looking at outdoor and adventure activities involving orienteering. We will also be focusing on learning all about how to play cricket.

As **budding technicians**, we will continue to learn about the importance of staying safe online and online bullying (E-safety). We will also be continuing with learning about coding.

Notices and reminders

- Please ensure your child's **iPad** is in school every day and **fully charged** as these are used to support learning daily.
- Please **read** with your child every day and initial your comments or your child's comments.
- **PE** is on **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** every week for Kingfisher and Woodpecker Class.
- Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit to school on the relevant day.
- Homework will be given out every **Friday** and handed in by the following **Wednesday**.

Thank you for your support!

Year 3 Team

Kingfisher
Class Teacher: Ms Bakosi

Woodpecker
Class Teachers: Mr Joy

Teaching Assistants: Ms Wallace and Mrs Portsmouth