



## Year 3 Owls Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

**We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!**

Our learning will be centred around **Explorers** this half term.



### Key dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd January Year 3 trip Maritime Museum

Tuesday 27th January Aviary coffee afternoon 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 6th February Year 3 Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 13th February Year 1 Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 13th February Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

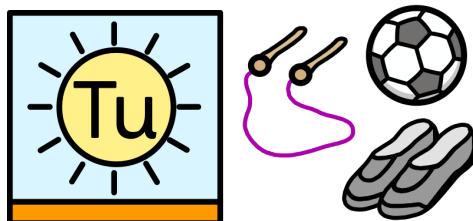
### Trips and Visits

Self lead visit to the Maritime Museum

### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

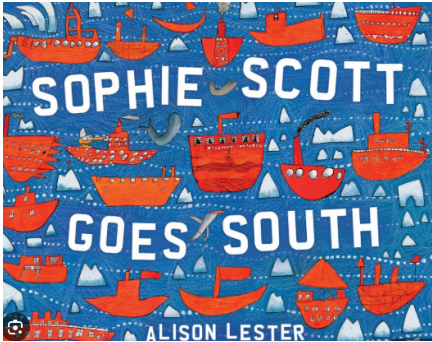


**Your child must come in their school PE kit.**

**White PE t- shirt**

**School jumper or cardigan**

**Blue/ black jogging bottoms or leggings**

Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherin Johnson in our reading lessons and as our class reader. It is a book full of imagery and description linked to the Northern hemisphere that will help inspire our writing.</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding and retrieving information from the text</li> <li>- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words</li> <li>- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters</li> <li>- Making predictions about what will happen next</li> </ul> <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:  <a href="https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/">https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</a></p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Explorers and Adventurers and Antarctica. The children will use the text 'Sophie Scott goes South' to write a diary entry from the perspective of Sophie using emotion comma sentences.</p>  <p><u>Example,</u></p> <p>Exhausted, Sophie continued sailing across the freezing oceans.</p> <p><a href="https://www.oasisacademyfoundry.org/uploaded/Woodview/home_learning/year5/week1/alan-peat-sentence-types.pdf">https://www.oasisacademyfoundry.org/uploaded/Woodview/home_learning/year5/week1/alan-peat-sentence-types.pdf</a></p> <p>They will then write a non-chronological report about Antarctica, using facts, subheadings, paragraphs and diagrams. We will learn the features of a good non-chronological report.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zr93p4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zr93p4j</a></p> <p>Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:  <a href="https://www.spellzone.com/">https://www.spellzone.com/</a></p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Further multiplication and division</b> - We will be learning how to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using a range of strategies.</p> <p><b>Measurement and length</b> - The children will look at length in metres and centimetres before moving on to kilometres. Pupils will learn to measure different items using centimetres, metres and kilometres. They will also be able to convert different units of measurement as well as compare different lengths.</p> <p><b>Mass</b> - The children will be measuring mass using scales. Pupils look at different units to measure mass, specifically grams and kilograms</p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be 'Rocks and fossils.' We will observe and identify different rocks based on their properties. We will conduct a mineral investigation, to find out what minerals each type of rock has more of.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.</p> <p>The link below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying:  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt</a></p>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvg4bqt>

## History and Geography

In history and geography, we will be learning about Explorers and Adventurers. We will research three famous explorers, Earnest Shackleton, Christopher Columbus and Mathew Henson, and learn the expeditions they took, hardships they faced and the reasons why their journeys were both important. This unit focuses on the exploration of Antarctica. The children will be thinking about the reasons why explorers were necessary and debating the ethics of some of these explorers.

Please see the links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3c72v4>  
below for more information regarding our explorers:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7xnn9q>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3c72v4>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znchkmn>

## Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about water safety. We will take a guided walking tour of the canal to learn about the history of it and the importance of keeping safe.



### ICT

#### Programming

Our topic this half term is 'Programming.' We will develop our understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices. We will learn how to use scratch to code a sequence.

### PSHE

#### dreams and goals

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and goals.' During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the year ahead, goals they can set for themselves and challenges they may face.

### RE

#### Christianity

Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Could Jesus heal people? Did he perform miracles or is there another explanation?' We will learn about Christian beliefs of Jesus' miracles.

### PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Tag rugby.  
Class PE Day: **Friday**

### Music

The children will be exploring Motown music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.

### Art

#### Ship in a bottle

This half term in DT, the children will link their art to our topic explorers. They will be making a mixed media ship in a bottle.

### DT and Cooking

#### Cooking

This half term in cooking we will be cooking pastas. Year 3 will cook pasta with homemade pesto.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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