



### Year 3 Owls Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Summer 1!

Staff working across Year this term: **Kayleigh Kee, Sinai Brown and Fatima Saa**

Our learning will be centred around **Scavengers and Settlers** this half term.



#### Key dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd April Year 3 Soanes Centre trip

Wednesday 22nd April Earth Day march through Hackney  
Wick Years 1 2 4 5 6

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - Gainsborough closed

Friday 8th May Year 3 Assembly

Monday 18th May Walk to School Week

Friday 22nd May Wear stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 22nd May Parents in Class

Friday 22nd May Gainsborough's Got Talent! 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 22nd May Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May Under 5 Holiday Camp

Monday 1st June Summer 2 begins

Friday 17th July Last day of Summer 2

Monday 20th July INSET day all staff

#### Trips and Visits

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 - Soanes center,  
wildflower workshop




#### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Friday**

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



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading The 13 storey treehouse and the non-fiction texts ‘Explore: Stone, Bronze and Iron ages’ and ‘Stone Age to the Celts’. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. ‘The 13 Storey Treehouse’ It is a book full of imagination and relationships which 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 information in 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> <li>- Understanding the organization of a non-fiction text</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:</p> <p><a href="#">Reading Plus</a></p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of scavengers and settlers and we will be using the book ‘Stone age boy’ to inspire our own writing. Using this text, the children will write a narrative piece including speech using inverted commas. The children will then write a diary entry from the perspective of a child who has gone back in time to the stone age. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding inverted commas to dictate speech, as well as continuing to use similes and metaphors. For example:</p> <p>“I can’t believe I’m in the stone age, it’s a dream come true!” shouted Max excitedly.</p> <p>The orange campfire blazed and flickered like a dancing sun.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9tkxfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9tkxfr</a></p> <p>In addition, we will continue to use fronted adverbials and a range of ambitious adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more detailed and exciting.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp937p3">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp937p3</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3nfw6f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3nfw6f</a></p> <p>Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p><b>Time</b> - telling the time on a 12 and 24 hour clock as well as in roman numerals. we will also begin to understand the duration of time, in seconds, minutes and hours.</p> <p><b>Statistics</b>- Understanding data from pictographs and bar graphs.</p> <p>In addition, we will continue learning our times tables, recapping on the 4’s, 8’s and 6’s, and begin learning our 7’s</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkfyedm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkfyedm</a></p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be around Plants. We will explore different types of plants and what they need to grow, survive and reproduce. We will learn about different pollinators and the importance of seed dispersal. We will apply our learning to our enquiry question ‘Does the amount of seeds in one space affect the rate of growth?’.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.</p> <p>The link below provides some useful information about the topic we will be studying:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy66fg8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy66fg8</a></p>

History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In History, we will be learning about scavengers and settlers. We will be exploring the stone, bronze and iron ages, focusing on the 3 eras of the stone age: The Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. The children will be comparing these eras to modern life. The children will be finding out more about the history of humanity, discovering and exploring early human life and how it has progressed into modern day society.</p> <p>Please see the link below for more information regarding the Stone Age period.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfg9bqt">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfg9bqt</a></p>	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be learning about how we impact the world and how we can make small changes to make positive impacts. We will be researching the effects of composting and encouraging the children at Gainsborough to recycle and compost.</p> 

<b>ICT</b>	<p><b>Creating media</b></p> <p>Our topic this half term is 'Creating media'. We will develop our understanding of how text links with pictures to create an understanding. We will be experimenting with fonts, colours and emojis to make an invitation.</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p><b>Relationships</b></p> <p>This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss families, healthy relationships and who can keep them safe. They will learn and talk about appreciating those around them.</p>
<b>RE</b>	<p><b>Hinduism</b></p> <p>Our focus religion this half term is Hinduism. Our key question is 'Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani?' We will learn about Hindu beliefs and traditions.</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on fitness and athletics.</p> <p>Class PE Day: <b>Friday</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	<p><b>Disco</b></p> <p>To know and be able to talk about the instruments used in class (a glockenspiel, a recorder). The children will also be learning the songs for the Hackney Music Festival.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p><b>Painting</b></p> <p>This half term, we are using our topic focus of Scavengers and Settlers to make some stone age inspired art. We will look at cave paintings for inspiration.</p>
<b>DT and Cooking</b>	<p><b>Cooking</b></p> <p>This half term in cooking we will be making pastries! Year 3 will be making patties, focusing on using measuring spoons to measure ingredients accurately.</p>

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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