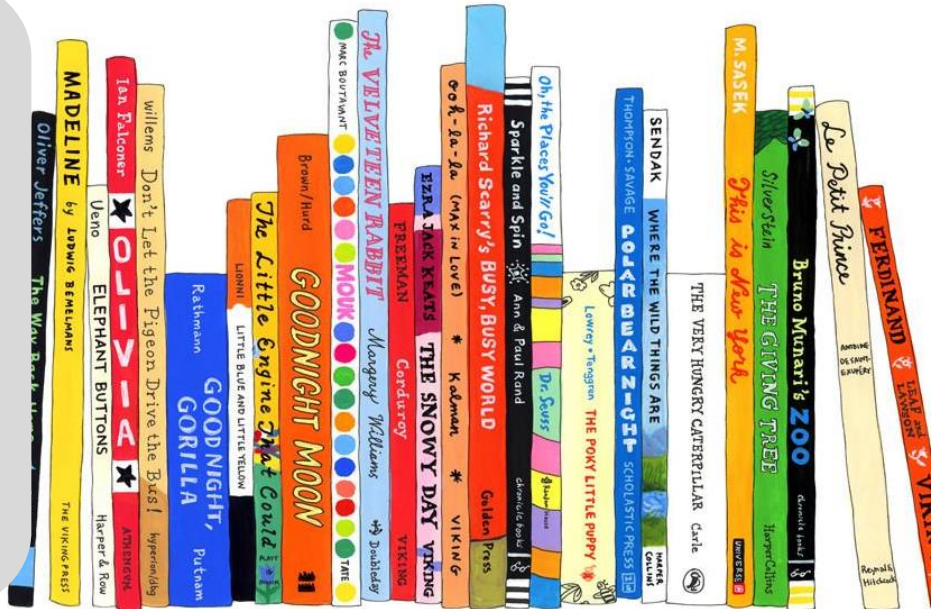


# Year 3 Summer 1 Curriculum NEWSLETTER

“Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.”

– A. A. Milne



## English Learning

In English, we will be using James and the Giant Peach as the inspiration for our learning. We will learn to use prepositional phrases, past tense verbs and emotive language and use these skills to write diary entries. We will also be doing lots of drama to help develop our ideas and vocabulary. In reading, we will continue to develop our decoding, fluency and comprehension skills using VIPERS.

Welcome to this half-term in Year 3!

Teachers and adults working with the children will be Mrs Quinn, Ms Boora, Mrs Fox and Miss Whitt.

## Maths Learning

In Maths, we will be learning to measure in millimeters, centimeters and meters. We will learn to convert between these different measurements, as well as learning how to calculate perimeter. We will also learn to recognise halves, thirds and quarters, as well as unit and non-unit fractions. We will identify equivalent fractions and order fractions from smallest to largest. Finally, we will continue to work on our fluency skills, using the four main operations and keep practising our times tables.

## Key Days



### Spelling test

- Friday



### PE Day/s

- Tuesday and Wednesday



It's important to fail in our learning!

# FAIL

**F** First

**A** Attempt

**I** In

**L** Learning

## Science - Rocks

In Science we will be learning about rocks. We will explore the formation and properties of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and discuss the suitability of different rocks for different purposes. We will also learn how fossils are formed and explore different types of soil.

## History – The Ancient Egyptians

In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will identify Ancient Egypt's location and key geographical features and learn why the River Nile was so important to this civilisation. We will learn about hieroglyphics and be able to explain the importance of gods and goddesses to people in Ancient Egypt. Finally, we will analyse mummification's connection to Ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife.

## Key Rocket Words

Rocket Words	
igneous rocks	rocks created from solidified lava
intrusive igneous rock	rock that has been formed under the Earth's surface over a long period of time
extrusive igneous rock	rock that has been formed from molten lava and either cooled quickly or slowly
magma	hot liquid rock below the surface of the Earth. When a volcano erupts it can be seen, and is called lava
sedimentary rock	rocks that are made from layers of sediment that has been subjected to heat and pressure
metamorphic rock	rocks that have changed from igneous or sedimentary through heat and pressure
weathering	the wearing away of rocks which are broken down into smaller pieces
Acid rain	rain which has been made too acidic by air pollution
erosion	the wearing away of rocks by wind or water
fossil	the imprint of a prehistoric plant or animal embedded in rock
decompose	the process where dead animals and plants break down into smaller parts
fragments	small pieces

## Reminders

Please ensure you are practising your times tables on TT Rockstars and reading daily! Remember to record your reads on Class Dojo.