



# Year 3 NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term 2022

### Welcome to the second term in Year 3



Our Themes this term are: **Amazing Amazon!** and **Robin Hood – Legend of Sherwood.**

During the first half term, we will be exploring the different biomes and climates of the world, focusing on the amazing plants and animals that live in the Amazon rainforest. At the same time, the children will be investigating how plants grow and learning from their own first hand experiences. Our English learning will be themed around books by the author Dick King-Smith. We will learn about the challenges the main animal characters face and how they overcome them. The children will use these books to publish their own animal stories, set in the rainforest.

In the second half of the term, we will learn all about famous legends from the British Isles, focussing on Robin Hood. The children will create their own Robin Hood play-scripts, which they will act out on their dress up day.

### These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

**In reading** we will be learning:

- to predict what might happen next using details from the text
- to draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives for their actions, and justifying opinions with evidence

**In writing** we will be learning:

- to use inverted commas for speech
- to use adverbs to describe how (e.g. swiftly, cautiously, carefully)

**In maths** we will be learning:

- to solve problems for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers

### Helping Your Child at Home

#### **Reading**

You could listen to your child read aloud and encourage them to read dialogue in the voices of the characters, looking at the 'said' word for clues about how to say the words. Also, please discuss how characters are feeling at different points in a story and why. Another skill you could help develop is predicting what might happen next. Can your child explain why they think this? What clues in the story make them think this? Or can they relate it to other similar stories?

#### **Writing**

We will be focusing on both spelling and handwriting this term. In spelling, children can practise 5 of their target words each week, using different strategies such as pyramids, rainbow writing, 'blue vowels', and 'block letters'. Please encourage your child to use their best handwriting at home, concentrating on letter sizes and joins.

#### **Mathematics**

Please continue to practise and test your child on their target times tables. They would also benefit from practising number bonds to 20 (e.g.  $15 + 5$ ,  $7 + 8$ ,  $15 - 9$ ,  $13 - 8$ ). Children can find activities linked to times tables, division facts and number bonds on Sumdog, Hit the Button or Daily 10. Encourage your child to practise these facts to improve their confidence and accuracy in both arithmetic and problem solving.

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### Our PDL SCARF Learning



To support the teaching of PDL (Personal Development Learning) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in school, we use resources and planning provided by SCARF. SCARF's resources promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

SCARF stands for: Safety - Caring - Achievement - Resilience - Friendship.

For your awareness, these are the SCARF units being taught this term with brief details of what will be covered.

#### **Being my Best**

During this unit your child will learn about:

- a healthy balanced diet and healthy lifestyle choices
- keeping well, and knowing how spreading disease can be prevented
- aspirations, talents and respecting differences
- the major organs of the body and how they get food, water and blood

#### **Valuing Difference**

During this unit your child will learn about:

- how there are many different types of family (including adoption, fostering and same sex couples)
- what makes a community
- the variety of origins of people living in Britain and the similarities and differences between people
- respecting the views of others

### Dates of Special Events in Year 3

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022** - 'Legends from the British Isles' dress up day e.g. Robin Hood, Maid Marion, King Arthur etc. (Could use knights and princesses costumes 😊)

Thank you for your continued support  
Year 3 Team