

# Curriculum Newsletter

**YEAR 3** | Autumn Term 2 | 2025



## *Dear Families,*

Thank you for all of your support so far this term. The children have settled really well into Year 3 and lots of super learning has been happening.

This term the children will begin some interesting topics. Please see below for details about what children will learn and ways in which you can support your child at home. Science and Geography coverage is outlined on the attached 'Knowledge Organisers'.

This half term, our topic is '**Life on our island**' and we will be focusing our learning around the key question '**What lies beyond our town of Pinner?**'

### Our 'Stunning start' to launch our topic will be:

A carousel of activities to do with the four nations (Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England) which will include some tasting of a special cake or biscuit from each region.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:

- Trip to Montesole park for our forces topic.
- Watching the Y4 Diwali Assembly
- Watford Palace Christmas Pantomime

### Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Creating a digital poster to showcase everything they have learnt about the U.K.

### Our 'Shared Outcome'

Posters to be shared on Seesaw.





## Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

### English:

**Key texts:** 'Varjak Paw'

**Key skills:** Setting descriptions, letter writing and diary writing.

We will be focussing on using accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar whilst also thinking about tone of voice, use of description including expanded noun phrases and similes, and neat handwriting.

We will also be starting handwriting lessons to help children using the Nelson handwriting scheme.

### Maths:

We be practising our times tables and maths passports targets.

#### Key topics:

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

2,3,4,5,11,10 times table

**Science:** In Science, the children will be looking at how forces and magnets work answering the key question, How do forces and magnets affect the movement of objects around us?

**Geography:** Children will learn about the 4 countries of the U.K.. They will learn about the different countries, features, rivers and mountains of each of the four countries.

**RE:** Children are answering the key question 'What can we learn from the life of the Buddha about being happy?'

**D.T:** Children will be designing, creating and evaluating their own travel pillows.

**PE:** Children will learn indoor orienteering and netball.

**Music:** Children will be continuing to learn the recorder with Ms Kraft.

**PSHE:** In PSHE, our topic is "Celebrating difference". We will be discussing how our families are different and will be answering the key question, How can we ensure we are celebrating our uniqueness and differences?

**French:** Children will learn basic how to label items in the classroom.

**Computing:** The children will be creating animations using digital story maps.

### Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/europe-travel-guide>

Map games

<https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en/vgp/3146>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhw>

### Reminders

Homework will be given out on Seesaw. The following tasks need to be completed:

- Oracy
- Spelling practice
- Maths.co.uk
- Reading practice

PE days are on Wednesday and Thursdays. No earrings.



## Brilliant Book List Y3

Essential reading for every Y3 classroom!



### Suggested Books

#### Our Teachers Are Superheroes

Twinkl Originals

#### How to Skin a Bear

Twinkl Originals

#### Enzo's Egg

Twinkl Originals

#### The Diary of a Killer Cat

by Anne Fine

#### Laughter is an Egg

by John Agard

#### Africa. Amazing Africa

by Atinuke

#### Anna Hibiscus

by Atinuke

#### Girl Wonder Series

by Malorie Blackman

#### Magic Betsey

by Malorie Blackman

#### Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Pena

#### Hair Love

by Matthew A. Cherry

#### The Last Last-Day-of-Summer

by Lamar Giles

#### Superheroes are Everywhere

by Kamala Harris

#### Little Leaders Series

by Vashti Harrison

#### Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World

by Burhana Islam

#### The Seed of Compassion

by Dalai Lama

#### Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories

by Amanda Li

#### Planet Omnar Series

by Zanib Mian

#### The Proudest Blue

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

#### Sulwe

by Lupita Nyong'o

#### Nina and the Magical Carnival

Madhvi Ramani

#### Empire's End: A Roman Story

Leila Rasheed

### Continued

#### The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend

by Jion Sheibani

#### Billy series

by Nadia Shireen

#### How to be Extraordinary

by Rashmi Sirdeshpande

#### Spike and Ali Enson

by Malaika Rose Stanley

#### The Humiliations of Welton Blake

by Alex Wheatle

#### Young, Gifted and Black

by Jamia Wilson

#### Malala's Magic Pencil

by Malala Yousafzai

#### Gorilla

by Anthony Browne

#### The Tunnel

by Anthony Browne

#### Krinklekrax

by Philip Ridley

#### The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler

by Gene Kemp

#### You Wait Till I'm Older Than You

by Michael Rosen

#### The Lion and the Unicorn

by Shirley Hughes

#### The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog

by Jeremy Strong

#### Fantastic Mr Fox

by Roald Dahl

#### The Great Kapok Tree

by Lynne Cherry

#### The Fib and Other Stories

by George Layton

#### The Tale of Peter Rabbit

by Beatrix Potter

#### The Iron Man

by Ted Hughes

#### Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

#### The Worst Witch

by Jill Murphy





## Suggested Books

**The Twits**  
by Roald Dahl

**Fly, Eagle, Fly!**  
by Christopher Gregorowski

**Bill's New Frock**  
by Anne Fine

**Stig of the Dump**  
by Clive King

**Winston of Churchill: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming**

**Zeus on the Loose**  
by John Dougherty

**How to Train Your Dragon**  
by Cressida Cowell

**The Firework-Maker's Daughter**  
by Philip Pullman

**Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age**  
by Raymond Briggs

**Stone Age Boy**  
by Satoshi Kitamura

**The Accidental Prime Minister**  
by Tom McLaughlin

**Voices in the Park**  
by Anthony Browne

**Kid Normal**  
by Greg James

**Flat Stanley**  
by Jeff Brown

**The Own Who Was Afraid of the Dark**  
by Jill Tomlinson

**The Boy Who Grew Dragons**  
by Andy Shepherd

**It's a Book**  
by Lane Smith

**The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out**  
by Jill Tomlinson

**The Great Paper Caper**  
by Oliver Jeffers

**The Wonderful Journey**  
by Paul Geraghty

**One Plastic Bag**  
by Miranda Paul

**The Hodgeheg**  
by Dick King-Smith

**Leila and the City of the Cat Goddess**  
by Twinkl Originals

## The Romans

**History Hackers: Roman Rescue**  
Twinkl Originals

**Empire's End: A Roman Story**  
by Leila Rasheed

**Escape from Pompeii**  
by Christina Balit

**The Thieves of Ostia**  
by Caroline Lawrence

**Meet the Ancient Romans**  
by James Davies

**So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome**  
by Chae Strathie

**Romans on the Rampage**  
by Jeremy Strong

**The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice**  
by Marcia Williams

**Queen of Darkness: Boudica's army will rise...**  
by Tony Bradman

**Escape from Rome**  
by Caroline Lawrence

**Dark Arena**  
by Tom Palmer

**A Roman Adventure**  
by Frances Durkin

**Roman Invasion: A British Boy, AD 84**  
by Jim Eldridge

**Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona of Mytilini: Captured and Sold as a Slave in Rome - AD 107**  
by Richard Platt

**The Fatal Fire**  
by Terry Deary

**Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans!**  
by Gary Northfield

**Diary of Dorkius Maximus**  
by Tim Collins

**Warrior Hereos: The Gladiator's Victory**  
by Benjamin Hulme-Cross

**Meg and the Romans**  
by David Walser

**How to Drive a Roman Chariot**  
by Caryl Hart



## Frozen Worlds

**The Penguin Who Wanted To Find Out**

by Jill Tomlinson

**The Rainbow Bear**

by Michael Murpurgo

**Shackleton's Journey**

by Grill William

**The Last Polar Bears**

by Harry Horse

**Pugs of the Frozen North**

by Philip Reeve

**Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story**

by Catherine Johnson

**Ice Trap!: Shackleton's Incredible Expedition**

by Meredith Hooper

**The Snowflake Mistake**

by Lou Treleaven

**Sky Song**

by Abi Elphinstone

**The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale**

by Lydia Dabovich

**The Cold Book**

by Mike Goldsmith

**The Polar Bear Explorers' Club**

by Alex Bell

**The Great Explorer**

by Chris Judge

**This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate: 50 Ways to Cut Pollution, Speak Up and Protect Our Planet!**

by Isabel Thomas

**If Polar Bears Disappeared**

by Lily Williams

**One Day On Our Blue Planet . . . In The Antarctic**

by Ella Bailey

**Arctic & Antarctic**

by Barbara Taylor

