

# Y3 Spring Newsletter

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## Provisional dates for your diary

**4.1.24**

Children return to school.

**12.1.24**

Talent show auditions

**15.1.24**

Creswell Crags visit

**19.1.24**

KS2 talent show

**8.2.24**

House Competition

**9.2.24**

INSET DAY

**12.2.24 - 18.2.24**

Half Term

**23.2.24**

Year 3 Assembly

3B at 9:15am

3F at 2:45pm

**5.3.24**

Parent Consultations

**7.3.24**

World Book Day

**7.3.24**

Parent Consultations

**28.4.24**

Last day of Spring Term

**29.4.24 - 14.4.24**

Easter Holidays

## Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2024

Dear children and parents,

We hope you have had a restful Christmas break after a busy Autumn term. Our first topic of the Spring term will be based on 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' by Kathleen Fidler. During this topic, we will explore early civilisation in Britain, including where people lived and how they survived during the Stone Age. On Monday 15th January, we are going on an educational visit to Creswell Crags, where the children will be able to try out Stone Age survival skills and enter a cave used during the Ice Age.

In the second part of the term, we will be reading 'A Flight of Angels' by Geoffrey Trease. As part of this, we will be studying the local area and examining how Nottingham has changed over decades and centuries.

If you have any questions, please contact us via See Saw or see us in the playground at the end of the day.

Many thanks,

Mr Brown (3B) and Miss Frampton (3F)

## **RE**

At the centre of our learning are our Come and See topics: Journeys, Listening & Sharing and Giving All.

In our Journeys topic we will be looking at the Liturgical year and key events. We will then develop our knowledge and understanding of the importance of the Eucharist.

## **PE**

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday morning with Premier Sports. Children with ear piercings need to have their earrings out or cover them with plasters when taking part in PE.

## **How to Help at Home**

There will be reading, spellings and maths homework every week. Your child will write details in their homework books. Homework is set on a Tuesday to be handed in on the next Monday. Spelling tests take place on Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to read regularly, every night if possible. The children will be able to access accelerated reader everyday where they will be able to quiz on their books to check their understanding and comprehension of the text. They will be able to change their book every day in class.

## Maths

In Year 3 over the next term we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, including the 4 and 8 times table. We will also be adding and subtracting 3 digit and 2 digit numbers. We will study statistics and how we gather information using a variety of methods including bar charts and tables. We will also learn about perimeter adding and subtracting lengths and comparing lengths. We will then focus on fractions exploring tenths, adding fractions, subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts.

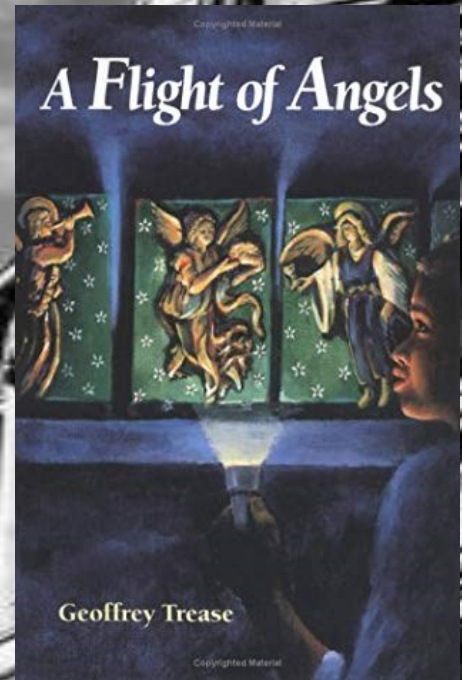
## English

In English for the first half-term we will be reading the text 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' by Kathleen Fidler. This classic story is set in the ancient Stone Age village of Skara Brae on Orkney. This is a fascinating and vividly portrayed story of life nearly 3,000 years ago. They will read and explore the text whilst experimenting with a variety of different fiction and non-fiction writing styles.

After half-term we will be reading 'A Flight of Angels' by Nottingham author Geoffrey Trease. This entails a young girl called Sheila, who solves a 400 year old mystery while exploring the caves of Nottingham for a class project.

## Science

In Science, we will be study Forces and Magnets. We will be engaging in experiments and investigations concerning how forces and magnets affect us in our daily lives. We will be discovering which materials are magnetic and why magnets repel and attract. Also, we will find out how push and pull forces are exerted and what makes objects move.



## History and Geography

In History we will be focusing on pre-history and the Stone Age. We will investigate this with an educational visit to Creswell Crags, which will broaden our knowledge. Alongside our class text we will start to uncover how the first people in Britain lived and how they progressed over time.

Another history focus is on how industry affected Nottingham, such as coal mining and the lace industry. The Luddite movement is an important part of Nottingham history, which will also be covered this term.

In Geography we will be locating Nottinghamshire on a map and using compass points to locate landmarks in Nottingham city centre. As well as this, we will be comparing West Bridgford from the 19th century to the present day.

## Art/DT

During the Spring Term, children will be focusing on sculpture. They will be studying notable sculptors as well as developing ideas and techniques. There will also be a focus on using natural materials to create paint, just like in the Stone Age. After February half-term, the children will explore mono-printing, creating their own patterns and studying the work of Hiroshige and Escher.

In DT, we will be designing and constructing castles using a range of recyclable materials. After half-term, we will start asking for donations of empty kitchen rolls and egg boxes.