

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Spring 1 2021/22



ENGAGE  
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EMPOWER

Our topic this half term is:

## Transport



Happy New Year and welcome back! Our topic for this half term is Transport. Within this topic, we will be looking at different forms of transport, how they have changed over time and the effect they have on our world, both positive and negative.



## Half term break

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022

## Absence

Please call the school to inform if your child is going to be absent for that day, otherwise it may not be authorized.

## PE

This half term in PE, the children will be doing **Gymnastic**. Please make sure your child wears their PE kit on **Wednesday**. which consists of a white T-shirt, navy/black shorts or jogging bottoms. Please note, for Gymnastics, children are expected to be in bare feet.

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place every Tuesday after school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Please email the class teacher to book a time. Consultations will be online or on the phone until further notice and will last for 15 minutes.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly via our new email address:

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## Maths

### Mathematical Development

We will be continuing with Multiplication and Division. Assessments will take place at the end of the block. We will then move on to Measurements (Money). Children will go into more depth with their understanding of money and learn to solve problems involving money. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin to look at Statistics.

### Times table challenge

We will continue to do times table challenge every week to make sure children increase their speed and accuracy in their times tables.

Use 'Hit the Button' to practise. Top Marks is also a good place for other maths games.

## English

The first book we will be working on is called The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. For the second half of this half term, we will focus on a short film called Girl and Robot. The children will complete a range of activities alongside the text, such as learning new and rich vocabulary, reviewing and improving their writing, story writing and writing in role as a character. We will continue to have our weekly Grammar and Punctuation lessons, where the children will consolidate their use of punctuation, spelling strategies and grammatical structures within a sentence. We will also work on commas for lists and apostrophes for contractions. Writing in legibly, joined handwriting will still be a focal point this half term.

*How can you help? Reading and Writing Journals are a great way for children to practise their writing skills. When writing encourage the children to read over what they have written, checking for sense and any errors. Encourage writing by allowing them to write about something of interest, or about book they might be reading at home.*

## Science

### Forces and Magnets

In science the children will:

- Compare how things move on different surfaces
- Notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance
- Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials
- Describe magnets as having two poles and predict whether they will repel or attract each other.

## Geography and History

Through our topic, we will research the impact of key historical figures involved in transport and sequence the development of a products design over time. We will also use maps to identify key locations and transport routes, focusing on our local area, and look at the location of international airports and their key features. We plan to investigate the most popular types of transport in a certain locality and compare them.

### RE

This half term's RE question is 'What is prayer?'. We will learn about how, when and why people from around the world pray. Children will be able to understand the ways people pray and compare and contrast with their own beliefs and practice.

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