

### Dates for the diary:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Parent forum
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite book character)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 15:30-15:45: Science fair in the playgrounds – a series of science experiments to watch or take part in.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Spring picnic
- Last day of term is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Term 5 starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### We are Writers

Narrative unit: The Secret of Black Rock



By Joe Todd Stanton

In this unit, we will be learning about the five parts of a story and having a go at being story writers ourselves. We will focus on writing the dilemma and resolution of our very own Black Rock stories. We will revisit speech punctuation and figurative language and learn how to add more detail to our sentences using prepositions.

Non-fiction unit: Formal Persuasive Letter

In this unit we are going to be exploring ways to make our writing more formal in order to persuade beachgoers to protect our oceans!

Handwriting and spelling

This term we will be focusing more on spelling words from the Year Three word list correctly. This will be sent home as part of home learning this week.

### We are Self-Aware Citizens

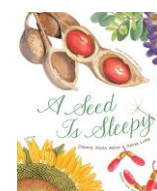
This term we are focusing on the unit 'Relationships.' Throughout this unit, we will explore the rights and responsibilities we have within our families, and as global citizens. We will identify and practise the skills of friendship, including conflict resolution strategies and identify ways to keep safe online.



### We are Scientists!

Plants

In this unit, we will be using our pearl power to recall previous scientific learning about plants, their functions and how they survive. We will be working scientifically to predict, observe and draw conclusions about what plants need to grow. To support our learning, we will also be reading the amazing books, A Seed is Sleepy and Pip and Egg.



## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Term 4

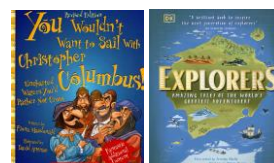
### We are Historians!

The European Explorers

In this unit we will be moving further back through time to explore why the European explorers sailed the seas! We will be learning about significant explorers such as Sir Francis Drake, Christopher Columbus and Francesco Pizarro and considering the impact they had on the world, both positive and negative.

We will then be putting ourselves in the shoes of the native people of South America to write a formal persuasive letter to Christopher Columbus persuading him to go home!

To support our learning we will be reading these amazing books...



### General reminders

PE Days for Y3: Tuesday and Friday (only Fridays this term!).

Homework is due in on Wednesdays. New homework will be given out on Thursdays.

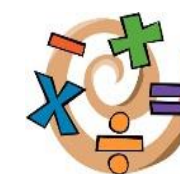
Bookmarks are checked on a Monday morning. Please support your child with recording their home reading on their bookmark. There has been a fantastic effort with home reading from so many of our children! Keep it up!



### We are Mathematicians

We will be starting Term 4 by learning the column strategy for addition and subtraction before moving on to look at 2, 4 and 8 times tables.

Throughout our maths learning this term, we will continue to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills, with a particular focus on using our talking topaz power to share our ideas and explain our thinking.



### This term we will also be...

**Athletes** - We will be developing our hockey and handball skills.

**Computer scientists** – We will be developing our coding skills using the purple mash programme.

**Philosophers** – We will be learning about Sikhism this term!