



# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term - January 2022

## STAFFING

After the disruption of last term, we are excited to be welcoming Miss Golightly into our Year 3 team to work alongside Mrs Etherington.

As mentioned in our email before the holidays, Miss Boustead will also be teaching Writing lessons in Year 3 this term.

Our Academic Mentor, Harrison Whitfield, will also be working in Year 3 for three Maths lessons per week for additional support and intervention.

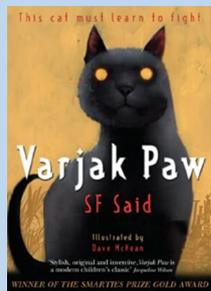
## Homework Reminder

Spelling homework will continue to be given out on a Monday to be due in by the following Monday. Children will also be set weekly Spelling Shed tasks which they can complete and they have continual access to Times Table Rockstars.

We now have a subscription to Numbots, which works in a similar way to Times Table Rockstars (and is accessible through the same login) but focuses on securing children's knowledge of number bonds. This would be great for the children to access at home as securing confidence with recalling number facts really does help children improve in all areas of their maths.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working with the children to pick the books they would like to buy with the reading pounds they earned last term! We won't be going to Waterstones this time, but we'll be researching and ordering the books online. Look out for photos on Twitter when we receive them!

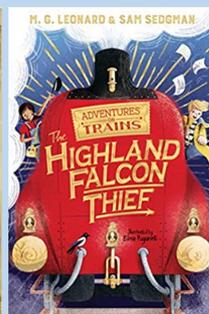
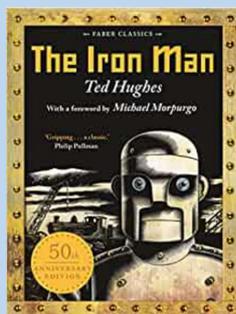
## Books, Books, Books!



Last term, Year 3 studied three class novels: *Wizards of Once*, *The Alien in the Jam Factory* and *A Boy called Christmas*. This half term, they will be reading Varjak Paw by S.F. Said. This is an amazing

book about a cat named Varjak, a Mesopotamian Blue, who doesn't quite fit in with the rest of his family. When danger arrives, Varjak flees to find help in the form of a dog from Outside. The book charts his adventures and journey of self discovery along the way.

We will also be starting Book Club in Year 3 this term. Children will be studying either the *Highland Falcon Thief*, *Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet*, or *The Iron Man*. Each week, the children will take part in a reading and discussion session with an adult; they will then be given a small number of pages to read by their next reading session the following week. They will be given time to do this in school.



Home reading: Just a reminder that we encourage children to read at least 4 times a week at home. If they do this, they earn £1 in 'reading wages' to spend on books for their classroom.



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## Our Spring Term Curriculum

This term Year 3 will be working on Ancient Egypt in History, Rivers in Geography and Light in Science. In PSHCE, the children will be learning about different types of families and what makes a community. In Art, they will be learning how to make smooth sculptures, being inspired by the work of Henry Moore and in DT they will be working on Pneumatics - it's going to be a busy term!!



## Our Spring Term Timetable

Reading, Writing and Maths lessons are taught every morning, with an extra half hour reading session each day to focus on Book Club, Class Novel, or on reading non-fiction texts linked to wider curriculum subjects. Our afternoon curriculum follows a two week timetable as shown below.

Art and DT are blocked, so although they don't appear on the two week timetable, they are still taught every term!

Spanish is taught by Mr Matias our specialist Spanish teacher.

Music is taught by Miss Casewell, from Durham Music Service, and the children will be continuing to work on learning the recorder this half term!

**Tuesday =  
PE Day.**

**PE will start  
from Tuesday  
11th January.**

## **Week 1**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History or Geography	PE Disability Sports (Coach)	Music	Science	RE
	PE Gymnastics/ Dance	Computing		PSHCE

## **Week 2**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History or Geography	PE Disability Sports (Coach)	RE	Science	Spanish
	PE Gymnastics/ Dance	Computing		PSHCE



Please keep checking Marvellous Me as we'll be using this to keep you updated on what the children are learning this term.