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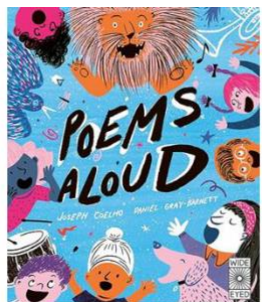
## Spring 2 Newsletter Year 3

Dear parents and guardians,

Just wanted to reiterate what a wonderful term of learning we've just had, and the children absolutely loved the pyramid project, so thank you so much for your support in this. See below our learning for this term.

### Reading

In Reading, we will be continuing to explore texts as a whole class and focusing on the VIPERS skills. We will be using the text, 'Frindleswylde' for most of the term, which is a wintery fantasy tale, reminiscent of a Grimm's fairy tale. We will then be exploring some myths and legends short stories. Linked to world book week, we will finish the term off reading 'Poems Aloud'. Our new class novel is 'The Secret Sunshine Project', which the children are excited to begin this week!



### Writing

This term, 'Frindleswylde' will be inspiring our writing, beginning with a setting description. Over the next two weeks, the children will be writing persuasively in role as one of the characters. In the last few weeks of term, children will be taking themes and characters from the text to create their own sequels to the story. We

are making handwriting a big focus and ensuring that we have focused five-minute daily sessions, revisiting and practicing joins from year two, ensuring that the children are prioritising presentation and joining letters accurately.

### Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps, and are completing our second multiplication and division unit. We have really slowed down to provide children with the solid base understanding, that we will continue to build upon. Next week, we will be moving on to length and perimeter, followed by fractions towards the end of term. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and how your children will be learning, but please bear in mind, that we do adapt Whiterose materials to suit the needs of our learners and adapt our teaching as needed. These can still be a useful tool to pre-teach to support your child's learning or do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning, but please don't panic if your child is unsure about a question or method, it may be that we haven't covered it yet or have approached it in a different way. We are continuing our multiplication programme which will be taught in discrete fluency sessions. These will be daily 10-minute lessons that will involve chanting and daily workbook practice as children come into class in the morning. We will have displays and resources in the

classroom to support children in learning their tables. We are focussing on the two-times tables, and ensuring children have time to practice their speed and fluent recall of these facts, as well as focusing on the commutative and division expressions associated with these facts.

Your children should all have their TTRS log in to use for their home learning. Please make sure if you have the app, that you make sure to update it regularly, so that you are using the most current version. Please contact the office if you are missing your child's log in, as they will have all the details. Numbots focuses on addition and subtraction fluency, and it is imperative that children are secure with their number bonds of single digits, tens, twenty and a hundred to support them in their next steps in their learning. <https://ttrockstars.com/>

## **Wider Curriculum**

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about the human body, specifically about skeletal structures and muscles, building on from their learning in Year 2. In Geography, the children will be learning about rivers and further developing their mapping skills. In the summer term, we will be visiting Deptford Creek, which will be a fantastic way to consolidate the learning from this term. This trip won't be until May but look out for more information coming soon! In DT, over the next two terms, children will be learning about and creating their own bridges using a range of materials. In Computing, we will be continuing to explore coding through Lego robotics. In RE, the children will be continuing to learn about Christianity, specifically learning about different denominations. In Spanish, children will be learning about musical instruments. In PSHE, we will be discussing a range of topics including communities, stereotypes, and the environment. In PE, children will be swimming until the end of the school year. Please ensure children continue to come in ready, with their costumes under their clothes, and a bag for anything they'll need to change. If you can please provide a swimming cap for your child, this would be hugely helpful. Children are continuing to take part in gymnastics lessons and will move on to developing ball skills in outdoor PE. Mrs Tyler's outdoor PE is on Wednesdays and Mr Stoodley's is on Thursdays. It would be preferable not to send your child in with tights/dresses on this day and make sure they have comfortable clothing. Alternatively, you could send your child in with an extra pair of leggings or shorts to keep in their box.

## **Key Dates:**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February: Book fair

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Author visit to Greenwich Library for International Women's Day (details to follow) Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April **Half Term Break**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April **Children return to school**

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office on [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,  
Mrs Tyler and Mr Stoodley