

# Halstow Primary School

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## Autumn 2 Newsletter Year 3

Dear Year 3 parents and guardians,

We are so excited to begin the second term of Year 3!

### Reading

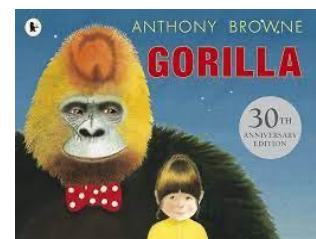
In Reading, we will be continuing to explore texts as a whole class and focusing on key reading skills. We will be spending the first two weeks on a non-fiction text about Ruby Bridges. We will then be focusing on the story, Dragon Post. After that, we will be exploring a poetry text, 'My Shadow'. We will then be exploring some excerpts of text from 'Code Name Bananas' by David Walliams. We are continuing to read our class novel, 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley.

Children are welcome to take home books from our book corner areas or



### Writing

This term, we will be using Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla' to inspire our writing. The children will begin the term by writing a diary entry as Hannah in 'Gorilla'. Then they will be writing their own creative narratives inspired by some of the themes in the story. The children will then be creating some non-chronological reports about gorillas.



### Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps, and will continue our learning with Addition and Subtraction for the first two weeks, then moving onto Multiplication and Division. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and

how your children will be learning. These are a useful tool if you would like to pre-teach these units to support your child's learning, or to do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning.

I am also attaching a helpful video series that may help you understand Maths Mastery and the methods and representations that we use in school. We hope this can help give you some insight on how to support your children at home! <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

Your children should all have their TTRS/Numbots 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. Children should be confident with their 5s and 10s times tables from Year 2, and over the Autumn term Year Three's focus will be the 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- and 8-timestables. 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://trockstars.com/>

### **Wider Curriculum**

In Science, we will be learning about magnets and forces, conducting a range of fun, hands on investigations! In Geography, children will be learning about and comparing urban and rural areas. In RE, the children will be learning about Judaism. As Diwali is coming up in November, we also have an exciting dance workshop to celebrate. In DT and Computing, the children will be creating their own games using Scratch. This will be a great base for them to continue with LEGO Spike in the Spring term, to further build on their coding knowledge. In Spanish, children will continue their learning about greetings, followed by learning about fruits. In PSHE, we will be learning about risks, hazards, as well as SRE (sex and relationships education). **Children will only be learning about similarities and differences in body parts for males and females, as well as discussing personal space.**

### **PE**

This term in PE, children will be developing their ball skills through various invasion games. We'll also be learning dance routines for our Christmas performance.

PE days remain the same as last term:

- **Miss Cole's class:** Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Mrs Lizzimore's class:** Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure children come dressed in warm, comfortable clothing and suitable footwear. PE days may occasionally change to accommodate music rehearsals.

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office and they will pass on a message to us. If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at [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,

Miss Cole and Mrs Lizzimore