



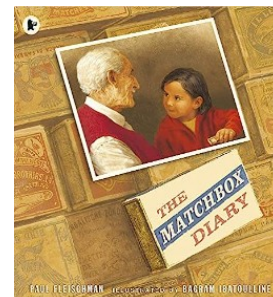
Year 3 Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2: Mon 1 June - Fri 17 July



Welcome back to the final half term in Year 3. Time flies when you're having fun! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We kicked off the final half term in style - Roman style! The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed the day baking and making shields.

English: In English, we will be moving onto our final book, *The Matchbox Diary* and further developing our understanding of descriptive writing through a diary entry. We will start by exploring the beautiful illustrations in the story and making our predictions about plot and the main characters. We will look at how emotions are expressed through imagery and writers 'show rather than tell' through the written word. In our final piece of writing, we will consolidate and practice all the taught year 3 grammar and spellings. We've selected some additional high-quality books that link to our English units and help stretch and inspire our writers, especially those working at Greater Depth. Parents who wish to support reading at home may find the following titles particularly beneficial:



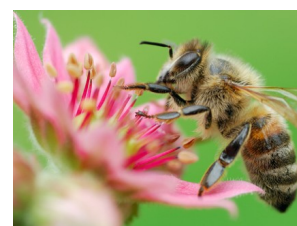
- *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. Powerful visual narrative supporting empathy and descriptive writing.
- *My Name Is Not Refugee* by Kate Milner. Supports direct address and thoughtful reflection in writing.
- *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros. Encourages inference and emotional description.
- *Coming to England* Supports autobiographical style and recount writing.

Maths: In Maths lessons, the children will be moving onto geometry and statistics. Last term, we finished our unit on time, however it would be really helpful if you could frequently ask your child the time at home alongside their times tables where possible, and we will continue to tell the time in the classroom to increase their speed and accuracy of this life skill. This can be done in the car, over breakfast, whenever you have a spare 5 minutes. It really does make all the difference in boosting the children's confidence with their mental maths strategies, which is an important aspect of their maths learning.



History We are continuing our Roman topic and considering how the Roman Empire grew by studying the invasions into our country and the impact this had on British towns and society. We have an exciting DT project planned for this term – we will be sewing our own Roman coin purses!

Science: In science this half term, we are starting our topic on plants and conditions for life and we will also explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. We will finish this topic by writing our very own instructions for how to care for a plant.



RE: In RE we will be consolidating all our learning over the past year, and re-visiting our Hinduism topic so we can dig a little deeper and look at different celebrations in more detail.

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PE: We will be playing rounders in PE this half term and will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (including trainers and black joggers/sweatshirt). PE is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

As ever, if you need to contact me, I am on the door in a morning, or you can arrange a meeting via the office. Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Beecroft

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: **Class assembly Thursday 18th June, 9am**