

Year 3 Advent 2 Newsletter

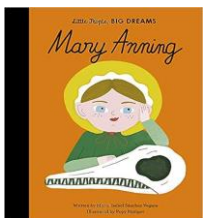
Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and are ready to be back at school. Here is an overview of our learning for this next exciting half term.

English

This half term as writers, we will be working on a range of genres.

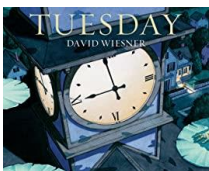
We will be focusing on:

Non-fiction



We will look at the life and achievements of Mary Anning. This will allow us to focus on chronology and writing a simple timeline of her life. We will also begin to use paragraphs in our writing.

Fiction



Using this innovative and creative book we will write Character descriptions of our frogs.

We will also focus on adventure writing based on a couple pages from the book

Fiction



Looking at persuasive writing and informative writing, children will create a warning poster for frogs to help them cross the road, using key features.

Maths

In Maths, this half term we will be using White Rose Maths.

As Mathematicians, we will be focusing on:

-Addition and subtraction of 2- and 3-digit numbers.

-Multiplication and Division

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on our mathematical vocabulary and our reasoning skills. White Rose models and supports children's learning in instilling a growth mindset approach to maths and will focus on helping all children to build a deep understanding of maths concepts. The mastery programme is designed to spark curiosity and excitement and nurture confidence in maths.

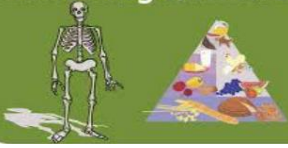
RE

Our focus for RE this half term will be **Prophecy and Promise**.

This topic looks at the prophecy of Jesus' birth and the promises we make to God.



Year 3 Animals including humans



SCIENCE - How can Usain Bolt move so quickly?

Pupils will learn about how the skeleton helps animals to move as well as learning about the importance of a healthy diet.

Why do I need to eat a balanced diet? (food groups)

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How are nutrients transported round the body?

What's the job of my skeleton?

Do all animals have a skeleton like mine?

How do I make my skeleton move?



GEOGRAPHY – Where do I live? Hadfield and Glossop local area study.

Where is Hadfield?

Are all roads the same?

Where do the roads in Glossop go?

What kind of vehicles use our roads?

How has Hadfield and Glossop changed over time?

How are Glossop and Bad Vilbel the same?

Guided Reading

Our Guided Reading text for this half term is *The Accidental Prime Minister* by Tom McLaughlin. As readers, we will be reading this text as a class and answering a range of different questions relating to this text. We will be paying particular attention to interpret questions and considering the author's choice to support our understanding of the text. Young Joe Perkins is interviewed for a local newspaper and he tells exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country! Things take a very unexpected turn when the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over



the world!

How can you help?

Weekly Homework – Please note: log-in details can be found stuck inside Homework diaries.

- Homework will be set on Seesaw on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Friday. If you have any trouble accessing homework online or would prefer a paper copy, please come and see me and I can arrange this for you.
- Every 2 weeks your child will receive spellings. The spelling test will take place on a Friday morning. Please practise these spellings with your child at home.
- TT Rockstars – please ensure your child is accessing this regularly at home too, it is extremely important that they regularly practice and apply their multiplication and division knowledge.
- Remember to read every school night with your child and sign their diary too!

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please don't hesitate to contact me. Mrs Boardley