



# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 3 Learning Newsletter - Term 4

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### The **BIG** question... What is a healthy life?



#### Welcome to Term 4-

Welcome back to Term 4! Throughout this term, we will explore our **BIG** question, understanding how we can ensure that we all follow a healthy, balanced and active lifestyle! We are looking forward to building on the successes of the previous terms and continue to move forward.

#### English

As part of the Whole School Writing Task, we will start the term with the picture book, *Journey*, by Aaron Becker. We will be using the stunning images to inspire us to write a story using a range of writing techniques and sophisticated vocabulary.

In class, we will be reading the book *Varjak Paw* by SF Said which we are sure the children will enjoy as much as *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*.

#### Maths

We will begin the term by looking at measurements and converting between mm, cm and meters before being introduced to perimeter. We will then concentrate on fractions where we will be ensuring that the children have a full understanding of this topic so that they have the confidence for future success. We will be looking again at fractions in the summer term.

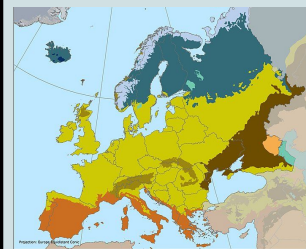
A good recall of multiplication really helps the children succeed in fractions and mathematics, so please continue to support your children in learning their times tables.

#### Science

This term the children will be continuing to learn about plants. We will kick start this term carrying out investigations to further understand what the best conditions are for plants to grow.

#### Geography

Our focus for the term continues to be based on Europe where we will compare areas of Crete to Kent, the Black Forest to the New Forest and understand the different biomes of our continent.



#### Religious Education

Our big question in RE this Term is 'Why do people pray?' We will be continuing our studies of Christianity, Muslim and Hindu beliefs. We also we discussing religious people's relationship with God.

#### Physical Education

As spring approaches, we are hoping to take advantage of some slightly warmer weather as the children learn the skills needed to play rounders.

#### Music

This term our music focus is going to be based around one song, *The Dragon Song* by by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman which is about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness. We will be playing games, singing and using instruments to explore different aspects of music.

#### Computing

The children will continue to think about emails as they consider the difficulties online written communication can have when interpreting emotion.



We will also be thinking about the weather as we add emotion and drama to our dance lessons.



## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

During our PSHE lessons this term, Year 3 will be thinking about the BIG question, 'What is a healthy lifestyle?' We will be exploring healthy, safe and balanced choices where the children will think about added sugars and fats in food, explore food labelling and exercise choices where they will create their own fitness challenge.

## Art / Design and Technology

3F and 3S are alternating Art and D&T over the first two terms giving both classes equal opportunities.

This term, 3S are going to be working with Miss Webb in the art room, they will be learning about texture and materials and how to use them in art. They will create artworks using a variety of media and study Gustav Klimt. They will also learn about batiks and resist techniques.

3F will be starting our 'Cooking and Nutrition' unit where we will be: studying a healthy diet, understanding where food comes from (and linking this to the seasons), gain a better understanding of how and where different foods are grown or sourced, and preparing some meals of our own.



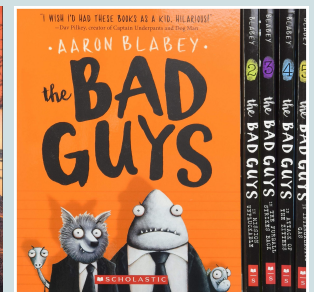
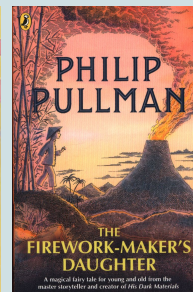
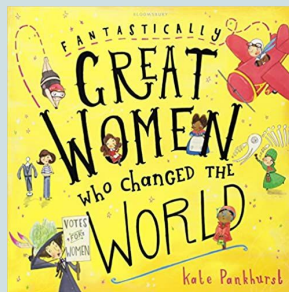
## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

A great way to get your child talking at home is to make reading a shared interactive activity. Discussing and exploring books.

1. Tell me why you think the character did that?
2. What would you have done?
3. Would you have ended the book like that? What would have done differently?
4. What did you learn?
5. What was your favorite part, why?
6. What would you like to find out more about?

## Recommended Reading for this term

*Great Women who changed the World* by Kate Pankhurst  
*The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman  
*The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey  
*Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg



## Reminders and Important Dates

- 21/02/2022 - please bring in all Sports For Champions Sponsorship forms - they must be collected today!
- 03/03/2022 - World Book Day dressing up day - wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite book.
- **PE days** - every Tuesday and Friday, please wear the correct PE kits on these days.

## Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



Lexia



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