

# Year 3 Learning Letter

Hello and welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. We are so excited for our new areas of learning and for all the fantastic work Year 3 will be focusing on throughout the first half term of the school year.

From,  
Mr Wignall, Miss Burke and Mr Allen



Our Year 3 X is: @Year3Monksdown

Why not follow us and see all of the fantastic work we have been doing!

## Important information for you

If you are sending your child in with a water bottle, please make sure it is only water rather than juice.

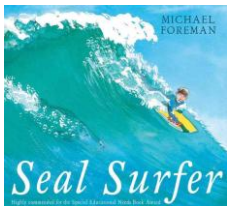
**Reading books will be changed on a Friday.**

PE days for each class are:

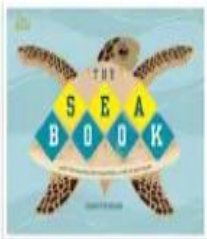
3.1	3.2	3.3
Wednesday	Monday	Monday

**Please read the homework grid on the other side for Year 3 homework.**

## English:



This half-term we will be using *Seal Surfer* as our narrative text with our outcome being a recount letter. We will develop writing skills including the use of paragraphs, prepositions to express time, place and cause. We will also be developing rich and varied vocabularies, learn how to structure, write and reply to a letter.



In this topic, children will read and explore *The Sea Book* to learn about different animals and habitats found in the ocean. They will develop their reading skills by discussing new vocabulary, answering questions, and making connections to the text. The class will also use the book to inspire writing, creative activities, and discussions about how we can look after our seas and marine life.

## Maths:

This half term we will focus our learning on place value, addition and subtraction.

### Place value:

We begin the year with a clear focus on number sense and reasoning within 100 and exploring calculation strategies using this knowledge. Children will then develop a deeper understanding of place value of numbers to 1000 and solve problems using these numbers.

### Addition and subtraction:

Children encounter addition and subtraction in a range of real-life contexts and extend their use of the column methods to calculations involving two 3-digit numbers.

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 38 \\
 93 \\
 + \\
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 131
 \end{array}$$

It will be VITAL that children know, and can recall quickly, their times tables. Please practise daily using TT Rockstars.

This term we are focussing on the 3 times table (but don't let that stop you practising more than the 3s)

### Wider Curriculum in Year 3

**History** - Our topic this half-term starts in the Stone Age and leads us into the Iron Age. We will study the life of Stone Age man as a hunter-gather and the development into farming. By making comparisons with life in countries other than Britain we will learn how different cultures developed over the same time span. We will investigate Stonehenge and compare it to the Pyramids of Giza.

**Science** - Our science focus is Forces and Magnets. In this topic, children will explore how pushes, pulls, and twists can change the movement and shape of objects, and investigate how surfaces affect how things move. They will also learn about magnets, including how they attract or repel, which materials are magnetic, and how magnets can be used in everyday life.

**Computing** - This half-term the children will learn how to program on the software Scratch.

**Art** - As Artists, the children will develop their technique of mixing colours, creating cave paintings using tertiary colours.

**RE** - Our topic for RE this half term is Christianity with the focus on the Old Testament.

**PE** - In PE we will be learning Gymnastics, focusing on moving and balancing on different points

**PSHE** - We will focus on setting personal goals, understand why rules are needed and recognise that their actions affect themselves and others.

**French** - Children will learn how to introduce themselves in French and ask simple questions such as 'how are you' and 'what is your name'.

### Home Learning Challenges

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>This is work that should be done each week</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Start your own rock collection. How many different types of can you find?</p> 	<p>Can you make somebody's day at home by sharing with them what qualities you like about them? You could even make a card or a poster to show your affection.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">★ <u>Star Challenges</u> ★</p> <p>Find an unusual place to read your book. Take a picture to show everyone in school. Can you find the most unusual place?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Essential work</u></b></p> <p>Read for 20 minutes at home each day. This can be on Bug Club or your books from school.</p>  <p><b>Bug Club</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take an autumn walk. Collect leaves, berries and seeds. Put them together to make a collage.</p>	<p>Learn the days in each month rhyme. 30 days have September...</p> 	<p>Introduce yourself to somebody in your family - the twist .... <b>You need to introduce yourself in French!</b></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Essential work</u></b></p> <p>Practise your times tables on TTRockstars or number bonds on Numbots.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Research Stone Age cave paintings. Can you create your own?</p> 	<p>Follow the link and get active at home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Just Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTw_WJY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTw_WJY</a></p>	<p>Our English text is about seals. Make a fact file about a seal or a mammal of your choice?.</p>