

# 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 term of the school year. Miss Bedson, Miss Gibbons and Miss Garside

Our Year 3 Twitter is: @Year3Monksdown



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## 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.

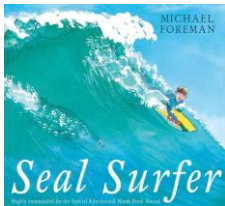
Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PE days for each class are:

3.1	3.2	3.3
Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

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.



To improve our reading comprehension, we will ask questions to improve understanding of a text, learn how to draw inferences (characters feelings, thoughts and motives); justify with evidence and predict from details stated and implied. We will also use dictionaries to check for meaning.

## 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.

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

### 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.

**Science**-Our science focus is Rocks and Soils. We will investigate how rocks were made and the properties of different types of rocks. We will look at various types of soils and how they are formed. Researching different rock formations around the world we will discover how they were formed and how man and climate have impacted on them.

**Computing**- This half-term the children will learn the advanced features of Microsoft Word and how to compose and send emails.

**Art**- As Artists, the children will develop their drawing and sketching techniques and skills, focusing on Stone Age drawings. They will create their own markings based on this historical period.

### Home Learning Challenges

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>This is work that should be done each week</u></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;"><u>Essential work</u></p> <p>Read for 20 minutes at home each day. This can be on Bug Club or your books from school.</p>  <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Bug Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take an autumn walk. Collect leaves, berries and seeds. Put them together to make a collage.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Learn the days in each month rhyme. 30 days have September...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Do you have a pet? Draw a picture and tell us all about it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Essential work</u></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 style="text-align: center;">Follow the link and get active at home.  Just Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTwWJY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTwWJY</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our English text is about seals. Make a fact file about seals.</p> 