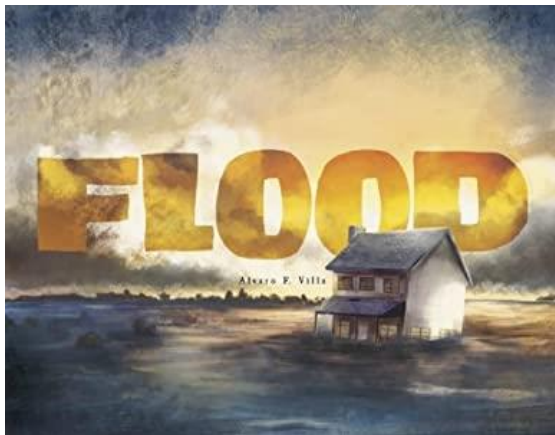


# Year 3 Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

### Topic

Our topic this term is geography. Year 3 will be learning about the natural world. We will learn about the different climate zones, including hot, cold and tropical. We are learning all about earthquakes and floods. We will identify the causes and effects of earthquakes and explore different earthquakes and floods around the world. We will link this topic to our class book 'The Flood', illustrated by Alvaro F Villa. There will also be links made to PSHE.



## English

In English, we will be looking at diary entries in line with our class book 'Flotsam', illustrated by David Wiesner. The children will be writing diary entries inspired by both the book and their own experiences. Year 3 will continue to apply their knowledge of punctuation and grammar in English lessons - direct speech, adverbs, compound and complex sentences. We will continue to use sentence stacking to create more inspiring and interesting writing. To support children in their creative writing, we will use drama, art and outdoor learning.

It is important that children are encouraged to read regularly. They have access to reading materials at school and on Reading Eggs. To support reading for pleasure, Year 3 write a book review every week and discuss the theme of their book with their peers. We also run a book club every Thursday afternoon – giving each child an

opportunity to discuss their favourite book and make recommendations to other children.

## Maths

In Maths, we are learning about fractions. The children will be learning all about fractions to enable them to add, subtract and compare fractions. After we have learned about fractions, we will move onto learning about the properties of shape. Year 3 will learn about right angles, turns, parallel and perpendicular lines. On Fridays, the children will continue to focus on the key maths skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, with an emphasis on problem-solving and reasoning skills. By the end of Year 3, your child will need to know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables confidently. It is crucial that they are able to recall these times tables, so please support them with practising at home. Please note all pupils have access to Time Tables Rock Stars to help support their times tables recall skills. Please ensure your child logs on and practises at home.

