

## Home Learning

We ask that children continue to read each day and make notes of the books they are reading in their reading records.

CUSP Spelling Homework will be handed out each Friday.

Homework books with completed work should be returned by the Wednesday of the following week.

## Dates for the diary

Our PE for this term will be **swimming** on **Fridays**, running from Friday 10th January to Friday 7th March.

A reminder that spare trainers are required in school for the **daily mile**.

**Gamelan Workshop:** Thursday 23rd January

# Year 3 and 4 Spring Term 3

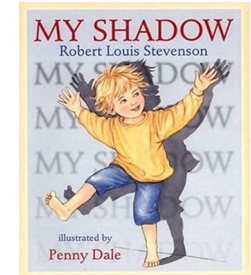
## English

Year 3 and 4 children will be developing a range of skills to develop their reading skills this term. These include retrieval, inference, summarising, and comparing skills, as well as learning to recognise authorial intent, understanding themes and making personal responses. The texts the children will be studying are *Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark* by Katie Tsang and *'My Shadow'* by Robert Louis Stephenson, as well as a range of fictional and non-fictional texts and sources.

Year 3 and 4 and children will be writing in a range of genres this term, including third-person narratives and non-chronological reports. The class will be revisiting different word types, as well as learning to use fronted adverbials and technical vocabulary. Learning will also include presentation and organisational devices in texts such as paragraphs, as well as commas in lists, pronouns and conjunctions. At the end of each unit, the children will have the opportunity to write an extended piece of independent writing, inspired by what they have learnt.

Throughout the term, the children will be practising their handwriting and spellings multiple times a week.

## Our class texts



## Mathematics

Year 3 and 4 will begin the term working on their Multiplication and Division skills. Year 3 will continue to practice their 3, 4 and 8-times tables, while Year 4 will continue practising their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . Learning will also include multiplying and dividing 2 and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. From their, the class will study length and perimeter, and finish the term with fractions.

For each mathematical topic, children will use their knowledge and reasoning skills to solve a range of practical problems.

Throughout the year, the children will be counting backwards and forwards in various increments, as well as practising their times tables.

## Science

In science this term, Year 3 and 4 will be studying forces and magnets. This will include what forces are, friction, the differences between contact and non-contact forces, and magnets.

## Computing

Year 3 and 4 will be learning coding skills, including using flowcharts, timers, and repeaters, as well as testing and debugging, culminating in designing and creating an interactive scene.

## History

Year 3 and 4 will be concluding the study about the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be investigating how the Bronze Age differed to the Stone Age, as well as learning about what the Iron Age was like and when it occurred, as well as understanding how the changes in artefacts, burials and monuments can tell us about the differences in each period.

## RE

Year 3 and 4 will be learning about Sikhism and what is important to Sikh people.

## Music

Year 3 and 4 will be studying the song *Three Little Birds* by Bob Marley this term.



## PE

This term, we will be swimming.

## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In Spanish this term we will review classroom instructions in Spanish. We will also practise the names for parts of our bodies and actions using our bodies. We will think about colour names and use them to describe items of clothing, learning the names for types of clothing as we go.

## Geography

Year 3 and 4 will be conducting a UK geographical study this term. This includes investigating the cities, regions and counties of the UK, the human and physical features and landmarks of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the topological patterns of the UK.

## PSHE

Year 3 and 4 will be learning how to celebrate mistakes, develop a growth mindset and consider how we can increase our happiness. They will also begin to learn about safety and the changing body. This will include learning about staying safe online, cyberbullying and the issues surrounding sharing material online.

## Art

Year 3 and 4 will be studying textiles and collage this term. We will add water to marks made by pen and use the dip and dye technique. We will draw concentric circles and draw detailed patterns and designs, and print and paint on to fabric.

## DT

Year 3 and 4 will be studying mechanisms this term. We will explore levers and their applications, levers and linkages and their applications, and make a linkages and levers product, evaluating the outcomes and recommending improvements.