

**English:** This term, Class 3 will be using the text, 'The Whale' as part of their learning in English. Children will be exploring the different techniques used by the author and applying these to write their own story. Make sure that you practise your spellings for your Spelling Challenge. Can you keep a weekend diary to share with your class? Write down some of the things that you do ready to share. Think carefully about your sentences...have you remembered everything that it needs?

**Numeracy:** This term we will cover skills which focus on calculations and mental methods, fractions, measure, statistics and geometry. When you are out shopping, allow your children to explore and handle money. Encourage them to pay using the correct money as well as working out how much change is needed. To help with learning time, follow the link below to play a fun game:

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/clock/index.html>

Please encourage children to practise their times tables, and use the mental maths tests that are sent home each week to improve their scores! At home and in school, the children will be able to access the 'Times Table Rock Stars' website (<https://ttrockstars.com/login>) A login and password has been provided. Please direct your child to the site to support their learning.

You can also practise using this game:

<https://www.ictgames.com/tablesTennis/mobile/index.html>

**Homework:** Every Friday, children will be given maths questions to complete at home. Please make sure that this is completed and handed in by the following **Tuesday**. If the children struggle with any questions, they can ask for help in school. Please try to encourage your child to hand in homework as early as possible in order for homework to be marked and returned so that children can correct any errors and misconceptions can be addressed.

## Class 3

Blowers Green Primary School



## Summer 2024

**Reading at Home:** Reading books and Learning Journals must be in school **every day**. Please encourage your child to read at home each night and aim to sign their Learning Journal **at least 3 times each week**. You could also ask your child to write in their Learning Journal themselves. Ask them to give their opinions on what they have read and write down any interesting facts. You could also ask them to answer questions about what they have read: what is this character like? How do you think they feel? Remember, books aren't the only texts to read! Newspapers, comics, the internet, television guides and games rules are all texts too! Encourage your child to bring in and share an interesting news article that they have read. Reading is an important skill which also enhances writing and imagination.

**Reading Challenge:** Each child will be issued with a challenge pack that contains a book and a set of question to be completed. Children must record their answers on lined paper provided and return the pack to school in a good order. It is expected that children complete 2 Reading Challenges this term. Weekly Reading Challenge homework is to complete 15 questions per week.

**Poetry recital:** Each half term, children will be given poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of the poem. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their vocabulary—which in turn improves their writing!

### Science:

This term, we will be exploring two new topics, 'Plants' and 'Light and Dark'. Children will be encouraged to investigate and follow lines of enquiry. They will build on and extend their skills of predicting, observing, classifying and conducting fair tests. To learn how water is transported in a plant, click on the video link. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-ks2-ivys-plant-workshop-how-does-water-get-from-the-roots-to-the-leaves/zdtfjhw>

**Geography:** We will be learning about how Dudley and how the local area has changed. To learn more about our area, click on this link <https://kids.kiddle.co/Dudley>. How has Dudley changed over the years? Ask your child to speak elderly relatives to discuss any changes that they can recall.

**History:** This term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. Use the link below to find out more.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

What was life like for ancient Egyptians? What were some of today's items that were invented by the Egyptians?

**Art and Design:** During our 'Underlay Overlay' unit, we will experiment and create collages using different media. In our topic 'Make Your Mark' topic we will be exploring printing and we will recreate an original piece using this technique.

**Computing:** We will be learning how to use search engines and find information in our topic: 'To Protect and Surf'. We will use Google Chrome and Internet Explorer to help us research. E-safety will be embedded in all our computing work; please do the same at home if your child has access to electronic devices. To learn more about e-safety, click on this link. <https://www.mcgruff-safe-kids.com/2014/08/10-internet-safety-tips-for-kids/>.

**PSHE:** Our focus this term is on **living a healthy life**. We will also be learning about **Rights, Responsibilities and British Values** through our class assemblies.

**Design and Technology:** We will be learning about healthy and varied diets in our topic **Food Glorious Food**. The children will produce a healthy snack using chopping, peeling and grating techniques. At home, practice peeling and chopping vegetables. When you practice, take a picture and bring it in to show your class your new skills.

**RE:** We will look at 'What makes a book special?' During this term, we will be learning about the bible, the Qur'an and the Guru Granth Sahib. At home, you could talk to your child about your religion's holy book.

**Music:** We will continue to learn the recorders this term alongside a range of percussion instruments and develop our sense of rhythm and timing in music. Can you clap in time with your favourite songs? Can you create your own clapping patterns using musical notation?

**PE:** Children will have **PE lessons on Thursday** and this term we will be focusing on **Athletics and Cricket**. Please ensure that your child's P.E kit remains in school as, at times, the lesson day may change. Long hair should be tied back. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons. **Children will have swimming lessons on Friday**. Please ensure children they have their kit every week.

**French:** The children will continue to learn numbers, days of the week and months in French. They will also focus on body parts and describing the different characteristics of people such as height, mood and hair colour. This song will help your child learn the days of the week in French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPGRMNYw8HE>

**Class Charity:** Our class charity is **Partners in The Gambia**. This term we will continue to raise awareness and vital funds to support this deserving charity. Thank you for all of your support for our coin race last term!

**Thank you for your support  
Miss Hubery, Mr Price and Mrs Ahmed.**