

## Information for Parents and Carers

### Class 3: Year B, Autumn 2, 2023

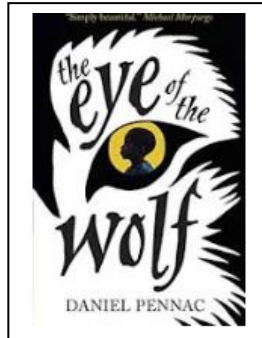
## Theme: What Makes the Earth Angry?

This half term will see us continue with the theme of, 'What Makes the Earth Angry?' for our Humanities topic. Children will describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including volcanoes and earthquakes. They will know what causes an earthquake, be able to label the different parts of a volcano and know what a tsunami is. Finally, they will be able to identify the position of latitude and longitude, equator, northern and southern hemisphere and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

#### English:

##### Fiction

This half term our writing will be inspired by the book 'Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. Our higher-level interpretation skills will be developed using Literacy Shed Vipers resources. The children will also be exploring the characters and developing their narrative skills.



##### Non-fiction

We will develop our non-fiction writing skills later in the term by learning about the features of non-chronological reports. We will then plan and write one of our own from independent and class based research linking to our science topic.

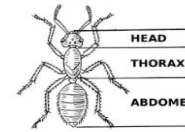
#### Mathematics:

This half term we will be placing a large focus on the four operations, mental calculation strategies and formal methods of written calculation strategies. We will learn about factor pairs and multiplication facts for times tables up to 12x12. We will revise place value and Year 4 will be introduced to Roman numerals and negative numbers.

#### Science:

##### We will be learning about Living things and their habitats.

We will be learning how to classify living organisms into various groups. The children will be exploring a variety of classification keys by learning about warm and cold blooded organisms, those classed as vertebrates and invertebrates, arachnids and insects, along with learning how to classify plants.



We will also be looking at different habitats and studying 'changing environments' amongst the Earth. Children will learn about the positive and negative effects that humans can have on the environment and discuss the changes they might make to help in the future.



#### PE & Games:

This term's PE is Netball/Basketball (**Monday**) and Swimming (**Wednesday**).

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on Mondays. They will stay in their PE kit all day. If children wish to come to school with their swimwear under their uniforms on Wednesdays, they may. Just remember to pack your underwear in your swimming bag for after the lesson! These decisions have been made in order to maximise the amount of time spent in the PE lesson.**



#### Additional Learning:

Our D&T topic is Cooking and Nutrition: Designing and baking Christmas biscuits. Children will be learning about why Jesus is inspirational to so many people in RE. We will continue with our learning of a brass instrument in Music, Power Prints in Art, Months, birthdays and weather in French and online safety and spreadsheets in Computing.

#### Dates for the diary:

\*Virtual Parents Evening 1: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 – 6:00  
\* Virtual Parents Evening 2: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 – 6:00  
\*Class 3 Hindu Temple Visit: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
\*FoF chocolate tombola collection: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
\*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: FoF Santa Dash  
\*Christmas Carol Concert: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:30 am.  
\*Visiting Theatre: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
\*Christmas Jumper and Lunches: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.  
\*KS2 Christmas Mile: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.  
\*FoF Christmas tuck shop @ end of day  
END of Autumn Term 2: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.  
School re-opens: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### How you can help at home

- All home learning and Spellings will be set on Google Classroom each week.
- Spellings will be set on **Friday and will be tested the following Friday.**
- A short SPaG activity will be set on **Fridays** to be completed by the following **Wednesday.**
- Two Mathematics tasks will be set every **Friday** to be completed by the following **Wednesday.**
- Please login to TTrackstars regularly to develop times table skills.
- There will be a Times Table focus each week, which will be put on Google Classroom. Times table tests will take place every **Friday.**
- A home learning grid will be sent home each term. Pupils have to the half term to complete at least three of the activities.
- **Ensure your child reads every day to an adult for at least 10 minutes. By reading with a child you are not just helping them to speed up decoding words, but also in their understanding and inference skills.**

