

# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1

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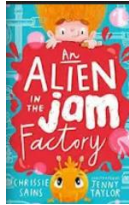
Welcome back after the Christmas holiday! We hope you all had a lovely time with loved ones and are ready to begin 2025. We continue to have lots of exciting learning taking place and our big question is: **Why is Metal Marvellous?** We also have a trip to The Sikh Gurdwara as part of our Religious Education topic on Sikhism, please ensure the permission letter is filled out and returned as soon as possible.



## THEME AND BIG QUESTION

**Metal and Forces**

Why is metal marvellous?



## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS...

**TRUST**



## KEY DATES



- Science Day - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Family Breakfast – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Trip to the Sikh Gurdwara – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January
- Local Charity Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- Break up for February half term - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

## NOTICES

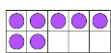


Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days, and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too! **Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day filled with water only.**

## MATHS



- We will continue using White Rose Maths planning for our learning. Our focus this half term will be **multiplication and division part B, and length and perimeter**. The children will be doing lots of practical learning using various measuring equipment.
- The children will also be introduced to how multiplication and division are related, as well as beginning to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.
- We will be looking at equivalent lengths and comparing lengths, as well as beginning to add different measurements.



## ENGLISH



- The children will focus on spelling words which include prefixes, suffixes and homophones.
- They will continue to learn the Year 3 common exception words and use these in their writing.
- The children will continue whole class reading focusing on their comprehension skills.
- Extra phonics support will continue to be delivered to children who still need it.
- We will be reading 'An Alien in the Jam Factory' by Chrissie Swains in our whole class reading sessions and using this to develop our reading skills.
- We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will use this book to develop the children's punctuation and grammar including inverted commas, maintaining the correct tense, paragraphs and conjunctions. This novel will also be used to inspire our writing, we will begin to create settings, characters and plot within narratives.
- We will continue to focus on letter formation and handwriting every time we write. a b c



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## SCIENCE



- Forces can be pushes or pulls.
- Friction is a force that acts between two surfaces or objects that are moving (or trying to move) across each other.
- Magnets exert attractive and repulsive forces on each other.
- Magnets exert non-contact forces, which work through some materials.
- Magnets exert attractive forces on some materials which are affected by magnet strength, object mass, distance from object and object material.

## PSHE

### Mental health and emotional wellbeing strengths and challenges

- Learn about celebrating achievements and setting personal goals.
- Learn about dealing with put-downs.
- Know and use positive ways to deal with setbacks.



## PE

### 3HG and 3LG - Thursday and Friday

- There will be two PE lessons per week so please ensure PE kits are worn for those days and are fully named including trainers.
- This half term we will be focusing on Gymnastics and Hockey.



## HOME LEARNING

- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child daily for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- Check out our new home learning and pick out some tasks to complete.
- There will be a balance of English, maths and theme work including tasks on Purple Mash.
- Please still go onto TTRS and play the different games.



## RE



### Sikhism: What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?

- Teachings of the Gurus and what it means to Sikhs today.
- Understand the role of the Gurdwara.
- Describe a Sikh festival and why it is important in the life of Sikhs today.
- Visit a Sikh Gurdwara.

## ART / DT



The children will be looking at sculpture and 3D Abstract art. They will be creating abstract sculptures and focusing on the artist Sir Anthony Caro.



## GEOGRAPHY

### Local Study of Bramley

- Where is Bramley in the world?
- Local walk around Bramley.
- What has changed in Bramley over the last 100 years?
- How do we think Bramley will change in the future?



## COMMUNICATION



- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly. Your existing username and password will work but we can re issue this if needed.
- Also, don't forget to visit [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our class webpage for further information.



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