



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 1, 2026

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This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be starting a unit based on the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We will be creating our own mythical stories based around our own fantasy creatures. We will then be creating factual non-chronological reports.

Maths: We will be focussing on fractions before moving on to explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and different types of lines and angles.

Science: Our new Science topic is based around 'Animals including humans' and we will be learning about the diet that animals and humans need to stay healthy. We will also be thinking about our skeletons and joints.

History: We will be learning about the topic 'Romans' in our History lessons. We will look at how the Romans invaded, settled in and changed Britain.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around the rainforest. We will be finding out where rainforests are located, what the climate is like and what plants and animals we might find there.

Art: We will be creating lots of rainforest art. We will be using our sketching and shading skills to draw a range of different rainforest pictures and will be creating collages using layering techniques.

Music: Our lessons will be focussed on 'The instruments of the Orchestra. We will continue to develop our recorder and singing skills.

French: We will be learning French vocabulary related to different instruments.

PSHE: In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Dreams and Goals'.

PE: In PE this half-term, we will be learning about mindfulness through movement with Mr Cross.

RE: We will be learning about the topic 'What do we know about Jesus?'

Computing: In our computing lessons, we will be starting our work on coding.

Message from the teachers:

We continue to be so proud of the Year 3 children, who are trying hard to be ready, respectful and safe at school. They are showing excellent learning behaviours and are improving their skills every day. Every fortnight, we have our celebration assemblies and it has been fantastic to see the children being proud of themselves too.

Thank you, as always, for all your support. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas craft. Keep an eye on the school calendar for further opportunities for you to join us in school this half-term.

PE continues to take place on a Wednesday and Friday and forest school will take place half-termly. Look out for texts which will inform you of our forest school days.

If you have any questions then please contact the school office who will pass on your queries to the Year 3 team.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

'A book is a gift you can open again and again' (Garrison Keillor)

Please continue to encourage your children to read for 15-20 minutes each day. It is fantastic to see so many children coming into school ready to take their quizzes and choose a new book. Reading continues to be a focus at Flax Hill and we want to create a community of book lovers.

The children are enjoying seeing their heat maps fill up on times table rockstars. The more the children play at home, the quicker they get and the faster they see their colours change. The more practise the better!

Homework challenges will be sent home every Friday and will include a paper task and a Purple Mash challenge. Four dojos are up for grabs each week.