

Year 3



Happy New Year!

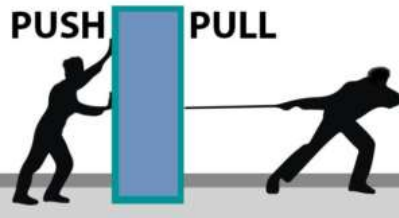
Welcome back to Spring 1! We hope you are refreshed and ready for the start of a new term.



Our unit of learning this half term has a History focus. We will be travelling back in time to around 3000 years ago to discover how advanced the civilisations were then. A comparison will be made about what was happening in Britain when the Ancient Egyptians and the Shang Dynasty were at their most powerful and we will be looking at the important role of archaeologists in helping us understand more about these civilisations.



In **Science**, we will be exploring the impact of friction on movement and finding out more about magnetism as we answer the big question, 'What do we mean by a force?'



Congratulations to all those who produced wonderful homework last half term. A new bingo homework has been uploaded to MS Teams so let's see what incredible contributions you make this half term!

Encouraging and nurturing a love of **reading** is something that all KEPS staff are very passionate about. In support of this, classrooms open early at 8:50am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to provide additional opportunities for our children to read with a grown up from home. Weekly opportunities to visit our school library gives time for the children to make informed choices about what to read and to discuss these choices with others to share recommendations.

In **English**, we use a 'book study' technique to develop and refine reading and writing skills. Our focus text this half term is a collection of poems called 'Werewolf Club Rules! And Other Poems' by Joseph Coelho (Children's Laureate, 2022). Other poetry books which you might like to explore include:

- 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg
- 'Poems Out Loud' by Brian Moses
- 'The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry' edited by Brian Patten
- 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough
- 'Evidence of Dragons' by Pie Corbett
- 'An Imaginary Menagerie' by Roger McGough
- 'Snow' by Walter de la Mare

In **Maths**, we continue to explore a variety of operations using increasingly more complex numbers. Each week these skills are put to the test in our Times Tables Rock Stars, Fluent in 5, Rapid Reasoning and problem solving challenges. Rehearsing mental recall of key facts is important.

Quick reminders:

- ✓ Drop off and pick up are busy times for staff who are ensuring that every child is safe and hand over is smooth. Please be mindful of this if you feel there is something you need to discuss with a member of staff at the beginning or end of the day. We politely ask you to wait until all the children are received / dismissed. Alternatively, leaving a message with the office or dropping us an email is an efficient way of relaying pertinent information.
- ✓ Water is available in school. Children need a water bottle from home.
- ✓ Year 3 do not have lunch until around 12:30pm so it is a good idea to bring a healthy snack (fruit or equivalent) to eat at morning break.
- ✓ Timetabled PE sessions take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Kit should be in school every day. All kit should be labelled. Weather permitting, lessons will continue to take place outside this half term. Children are encouraged to wear a blue tracksuit over their shorts and t-shirt so that they can keep warm.
- ✓ No jewellery, including earrings of any kind, can be worn during PE sessions. Any removed items remain the responsibility of the child.
- ✓ All children have access to MS Teams, Times Tables Rock Stars, the 'Doodle' platforms and PurpleMash.
- ✓ Why not follow us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. Year 3 use the hashtag #ClassOf2026

Many thanks for your continued support. Please email rather than messaging on TEAMS if you have any questions or queries.

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