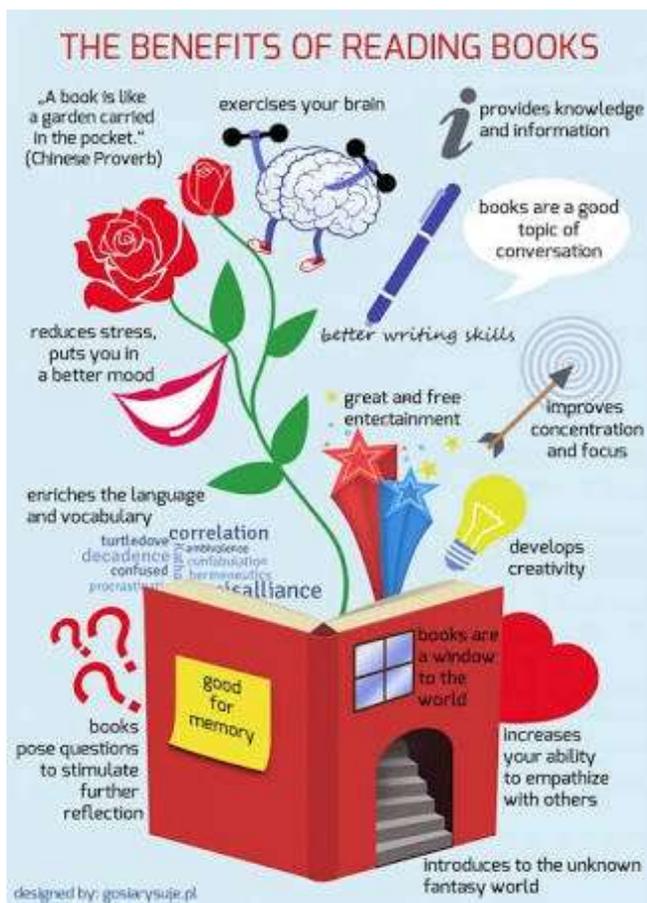


# Year 3



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term 2023.



Are you a reader? Does your child see you read for pleasure? What books that you enjoyed as a child have you shared with your own child?

Nurturing a love of reading is a key focus at KEPS this academic year. This is a polite reminder that classrooms open at 8:50am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to provide *a quiet opportunity for you to come and read with your child*. We understand that everyone works to a different schedule and this time may not suit all but we encourage you to use these 10 minutes to dive into a good book!

All KEPS pupils are invited to make use of our library facilities. Typically, Year 3 visit the school library on a Tuesday afternoon so please ensure that any books that have been borrowed are returned for others to enjoy.

In our **Geography** lessons over the next six weeks we will be exploring the climate, culture and industry of the vast continent of Asia. We will seek to compare Asia to the United Kingdom, identifying similarities and differences.



In **Science**, we will be finding out what a plant needs to flourish and learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant. We will carry out experiments to confirm our understanding, putting our 'green fingers' to the test! This unit of learning continues after the Easter holidays.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be learning to weave on a handmade loom and, for the first time since joining Key Stage 2, we will participate in **Food Technology** lessons. Watch this space for your invite to join us in sampling some tasty treats before Easter!

In **English**, we use a 'book study' technique to develop and refine reading and writing skills. Our focus text this half term is 'Varjak Paw' by S F Said. Other short chapter books which you might like to explore include:

- 'The Sheep-Pig' by Dick King-Smith
- 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd
- 'Pugs of the frozen north' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntrye
- 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlin
- 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman

In **Maths**, we continue to explore a variety of operations using increasingly more complex numbers. Knowledge of times tables will be used to understand more about fractions and further work on measurements will explore mass and capacity. Times Tables Rock Stars, Fluent in 5, Rapid Reasoning and problem solving challenges are all used to consolidate understanding. Rehearsing mental recall of key facts is important.

**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!

#### 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**. Full 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.
- ✓ 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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