

Year 3 Newsletter

January 2026



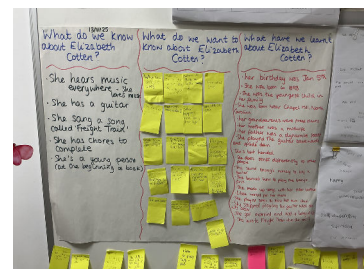
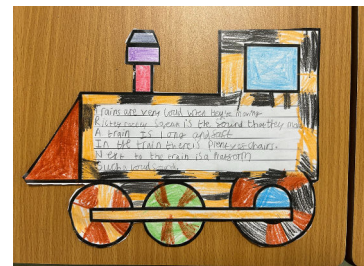
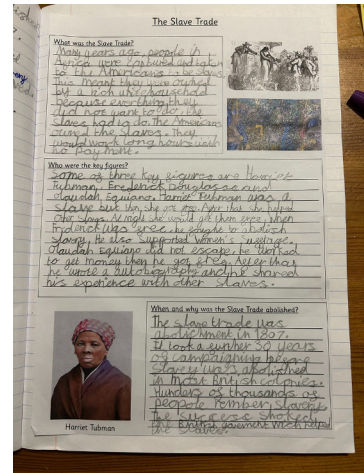
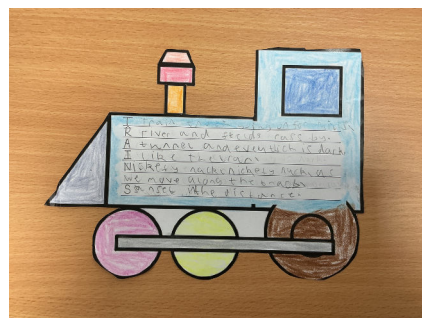
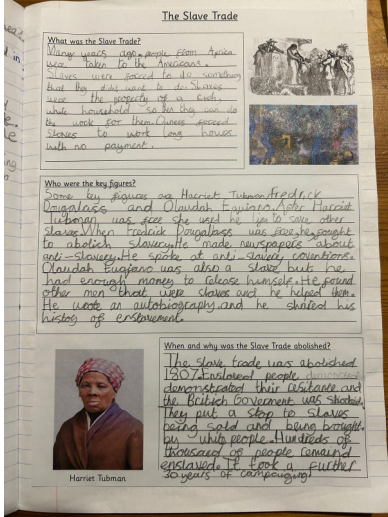
Last half term highlights

Florence Price class had a great half term at school, especially enjoying the run up to Christmas.

We greatly enjoyed reading our English focus text: 'Libba, The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotten'. The children were able to learn about Elizabeth, her life and how she became famous. They loved listening to her songs and exploring their meaning. The children also created some fantastic pieces of writing, including a report about the Slave Trade and their own poems about trains.

In Science, the children were exploring different cycles in nature. Part of this learning was around the life cycle of a plant. At the beginning of the unit, every child planted a bean and we recorded how much they had grown each week. We were so surprised to see how many of them had grown, considering we were in Winter! They were very happy with them and were very excited to bring them home.

Finally, the children in Year 3 really enjoyed the festive activities that we took part in. They all performed beautifully in our whole school Nativity and loved every minute of the visit from Father Christmas. We also had a great time at the Luton Library Theatre pantomime! We hope you enjoyed the break at home, we cannot wait to get started with our learning again!

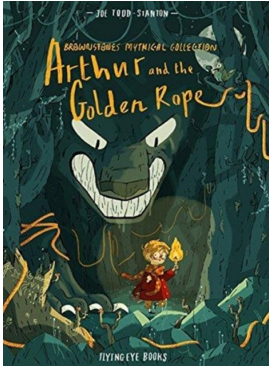


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Overview of learning for Spring 1



Maths

The children will be further developing their skills and will be looking at:

- 2D shapes
- Perimeter
- Multiplication: 3s, 4s and 8s
- Division: 2s, 3s, 5s, 4s and 8s
- Multiplication strategies

Other Curriculum Areas

Science - Light

Geography - Rivers

History - The Anglo Saxons, the Scots and the Vikings

Art - Telling Stories through Drawing and Making

RE - Hinduism

PSHE - Family relationships and structures

Computing - Sequencing Sounds

PE - Basketball and Gymnastics

French - Using Adjectives and Giving Opinions

English

This half term, the children will be exploring a book called 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. Throughout this unit the children will:

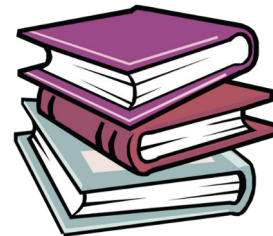
- Have opportunity to explore the language choices authors make and the relationship between words and illustrations in a picture book
- Be immersed in a world of ancient storytelling, encouraging and empowering them to tell their own mythic tales.

Practicing at Home

Following the assessments that were completed last half term, some personal targets have been identified for each child. These will be coming home in the coming weeks and will give you an idea of a few things that can be practiced at home.

Please continue to read with your child as much as you can. Reading is proven to greatly support children's progression in all areas of the curriculum.

TTRS - all children should now be secure in their 2, 5, 10 and 4 times tables. We will soon be practicing the 8 times table facts. Please ensure that your child practices as much as they can on TTRS when at home as this will support their fluency and recall.



Things to Remember

- The school days starts with morning work at 8:20am and the gate closes at 8:30am.
- Monday morning reading will continue - all parents/carers are welcome to attend.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school now the weather is colder.
- Reading books - please ensure all children have their reading books in school every day.
- Library session is on a Friday. We will also change the children's second reading book on this day.
- PE days: Tuesday and Friday - children attend school wearing PE kit.
- Warwick Castle trip - this is taking place at the end of Spring 2. Please make payment through Arbor as soon as possible.

