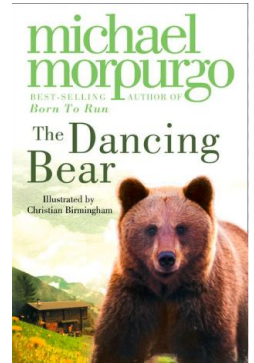


### A Message from Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your Easter break and are excited to continue our learning. Mrs Ripley, Miss Riches and Miss Gecheva.

#### Reading

Our reading text this half term begins with “Dancing Bear” by Michael Morpurgo. This is a story of an orphan girl who finds a bear cub. She begs Grandfather to keep him and he agrees for ulterior motives. Following an incident with a local boy, the villagers want the bear to be sent away. A cage is built in the village, as a compromise, and all seems fine for a while. Until, that is, a film crew arrives. Following some twists and turns, the story has a sad and poignant ending.



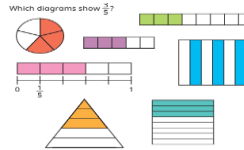
#### Writing

We begin this term with writing third person narratives. We will focus on how to sustain the third person perspective and the past tense. Looking at how best to select vocabulary to create atmosphere and finally how to use similes and metaphors as descriptive devices.

Next, we will be looking at different styles of letter writing including how to write a formal letters of complaint.

#### Maths

In maths we will be learning about fractions, money and time.



#### Wider curriculum

Our **Geography** topic this term is called “Travel and Tourism.” We will look at places that we can travel to from our local airports, the consequences of over tourism and the environmental impact of flying.

In **RE** we will be discussing the question “Why is the Bible important for Christians today?”

In **PSHE** our topic is “Relationships”. We will look at how our needs and rights are shared by children around the world and how to understand the roles and express appreciation to family and friends.

Our **P.E.** focus this term is OAA (Outdoor adventure activities) and multi sports.

In **Spanish** this term the children will be learning about “Los Veduras” the names of vegetables and how to buy these at the market in kilos.



### Uniform

#### Uniform(Summer)

White polo shirt with black or dark grey shorts.  
Navy blue sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo.

Navy blue and white checked summer dress.  
Religious headdress should be plain navy, black or white.

**Footwear** - All children should wear sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers or plimsolls with plain socks or tights (White, navy).

**PE kit for all** - Plain navy shorts and a white t-shirt, black plimsolls or trainers

### Homework

We will be sending out homework books every **Friday**. Each week will have a new list of spellings. Homework books are to be returned **every Tuesday**.

#### P.E

- **Attenborough** P.E – Monday & Thursday
- **Mercury** P.E – Monday & Thursday
- **Singh** P.E – Monday & Friday

- **Please note** – on PE days children are to come to school in their PE kit.

### Reading Records

Children should be reading at home (independently or to an adult) **at least 3 times a week**, but preferably daily. We would like to see evidence of this in reading records with the children recording a detailed comment about the section they have read.