

Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started in real style with a terrific D&T morning where the children designed, made and evaluated their own seawigs. Mrs Vincer, the school's English specialist, came to award a winning wig from each class (see photo overleaf!). Thank you for your contributions towards these creations.

In English, we have completed our non-chronological report for our own rambling isles. The children have shown great effort to keep to the tricky, non-fiction style of writing. We have also just started exploring our new book, *Zoo* by Anthony Browne. In an activity to practise narrative predictive skills, the children have looked carefully at the pictures and imagined the story line, retelling this in small groups. Having then actually read the story, the children were invited to share their immediate responses and to raise questions, as well as to explore the deeper themes.

In Maths, we have continued our work on telling the time and this week we have concentrated on reading the analogue clock face to the nearest minute, also solving reasoning problems around this.

In Science, the children have learnt about the different food groups and what makes a balanced meal. In a D&T style lesson, we all had enormous fun creating models of a healthy main meal. We were all shocked by how small an amount of sugar the government's recommended daily intake is and how much sugar lurks in seemingly harmless foods. Can your child remember how many teaspoons is the recommended daily amount?

☺ The Year 3 Team

Homework

Maths: Mathematics: *Quarter to and Quarter Past* and *Five Minute Times*

Spelling: recent, regular, sentence, separate, special, strange, strength, suppose, various, though/although

Phonics group: cherish, kitchen, furniture, shivering, chef, drenched, scratched

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read and to encourage them to record this in their diaries; please note that *anything* they read can be written down. As *Zoo* is a book that reveals many deeper themes, perhaps this week take the time to discuss what, if anything, apart from the apparent story, the author is trying to convey.

Change to homework format:

We have launched a new home learning initiative! Year 3's Home Learning Grid is posted on our year group page on the school website here: <https://www.fernhill.kingston.sch.uk/year3>



Date Reminders

17th July at 2:30pm – Year 3s & Year 5s will be putting on a joint recorder and clarinet concert in the Large Hall. Please come and support your child. They have made such great progress this year!

Announcement/Reminder

Over the next week or so your child will be bringing home their Maths and English books. Please enjoy reading through them with your child and comment if you wish. Many thanks.

