

Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

In English, as part of our work on persuasive writing, we have been looking at what it means to argue for and against a position. The children have had fun each lesson having little debates with a friend trying to give reasonable, convincing arguments. Drawing on the context of our book, *Zoo*, we have looked at arguments for and against keeping wild animals in captivity. We have enjoyed watching clips from *Secret Life of the Zoo*, as well as reading articles on this topic.

In Maths, we have continued our work on Time, learning to read and write time to the nearest minute on both analogue and digital clock-faces, as well as converting between the two. Quite a few have found this somewhat challenging and so we would greatly appreciate any support from home that could help reinforce this. May we please remind you that any Mathletics set is part of the compulsory element of your child's homework.

In Science, it was interesting to find out what children knew already about their bones and their function. In groups, they drew around one of their friends and had a go at drawing the bones, before fine-tuning their knowledge and understanding of their scientific names. We were all fascinated that an adult has 206 bones and that half of them are in the hands and feet!

☺ The Year 3 Team

Homework

Maths: Mathletics: *What's the Time* and *24 hours clock*

Spelling: pretty, women, build, mysterious, gymnastics, myth, university

Phonics group: juggle, gentle, ginger, energy, lounge, hedge, smudge

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. If you come across any persuasive writing, please have a read and discuss.

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

Beech and Elm will be bringing home their Maths and English books over the weekend. Please enjoy reading through them with your child and comment if you wish. Many thanks.