

## Year 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme for this half term revolves around the idea of journeys, exploring new (and sometimes familiar) places. The children are enjoying their 'virtual visits' to London and are becoming experts at recognising the iconic buildings that make our capital so interesting. If you have a favourite building, why not share it with your child? In our final week, they will be designing their own 'Cheesegrater', 'Gherkin' or similar household item!

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### English

This week, we have immersed ourselves in our new story, *Oliver and the Seawigs*, working hard at reading with fluency and developing our reading comprehension. We have also consolidated our understanding of common and proper nouns, as well as being detectives looking for expanded noun phrases and place adverbials in the text. We ended the week learning about *comparative* and *superlative* adjectives with their spelling rules and uses. We are building towards writing a non-chronological report inspired by the story.

### Maths

We started the week ordering 3 digit numbers using our knowledge of each place value digit. We were able to sort numbers in ascending and descending order. Next we moved on to using our known facts to add and subtract multiples of 100, For example, if I know  $4 + 3 = 7$  then I know  $400 + 300 = 700$ . We ended the week by partitioning 3 digit numbers in a variety of ways using dienes and place counters.

### Foundation Subjects

In science, the children were visited by Mr Scott who had a letter to read out from the 'British Scientific Society'! The children were enthused and spent the lesson exploring magnets and raising scientific questions to be answered over the course of the next few lessons. In art, we have now all sketched architectural detail in famous London buildings in preparation for our starting the production of our Modroc models next week.

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### Notices & Reminders

**Last chance:** Your child will need to bring in any *small* boxes, cylinders, narrow tubes etc. for our Modroc Art project, creating mini-versions of London buildings. Max height 30cm. Thank you ☺

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## Diamond Work Award

This week we are particularly impressed with the efforts of:

**Milo and Molly** (Beech)  
**Nell and Sofia** (Elm)  
**Scarlett and Zennor**(Rowan)