

## Year 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a whirlwind of a week with all the excitement of welcoming everyone back to school. The children (and us teachers!) are settling back into slightly adjusted routines - one welcome change being a full hour's lunch break. Yesterday brought further fun with the whole school celebration of World Book Day. The 'Masked Reader' theme brought activities ranging from the children sharing book recommendations with each other, to them creating their own book character masks, as well as the challenge of trying to work out the identity of some mystery teachers who had recorded videos of themselves reading poems and excerpts of books - in disguise!

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### English

Our learning in English has built upon the work done on persuasive writing over the last couple of weeks (inspired by *The Great Kapok Tree*). Having read and analysed a 'model' text, the children have started to apply what they have learnt about persuasive techniques in their own speech writing. Our focus has been to use emotive language, phrases that address the audience personally and rhetorical questions.

### Maths

This week, we have begun looking at the three times tables. We have looked at multiples of three, adjacent multiples of three as well as solving problems using the three times table. Can you recall your three times table at home?

### Foundation Subjects

In Geography, we have continued our topic on the rainforest through developing our understanding of the different layers: *forest floor*, *understory*, *canopy* and *emergent layer*. The children enjoyed creating Dioramas, drawing plants and animals, as well as summarising what can be found in each section.

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### Notices & Reminders

Please help us by remembering to send your child to school every day with their reading book and Home School Notebook.

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## Diamond Work Award

This week we are particularly impressed with the efforts of:

**Emily and Vlad** (Beech)  
**Emmy and Akshaj** (Elm)  
**Akshita and Morgan** (Rowan)