



Year 3



Dear Parents,

This week, the children had a fantastic time making their own Sledging Biscuits. We have completed our Geography topic about hot and cold places, we think we would like to live in a hot place at the moment! After half term we will start a history topic – What was important to ancient Egyptians?

As you will know, Miss Stainton is moving on to a new adventure after half term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm while she has been with us and wish her lots of success in the future. After half term we will welcome Miss Vardy into Nightingales class.

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Below is our recipe we used to make our 'sledging biscuits'. It has been great to hear how much the children loved them!

150g plain white flour
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt
30g butter
50ml cold water

Instructions:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200C
2. Measure the flour, baking soda and salt and put together into a mixing bowl,
3. Rub in the butter with your fingertips until you have combined the ingredients to resemble breadcrumbs.
4. Slowly mix in the water until a malleable ball of dough forms. The dough should not be sticky.
5. Split your dough into 4 servings for each child.
6. Lightly flour a smooth surface and roll out the dough. Add your ingredients.
7. Once you have the desired shape, transfer the dough onto your grease proof paper.
8. Prick each square with a fork.
9. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes or until the dough just starts turning golden brown.
10. Remove from the oven and place on a cooling rack.

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside from now on.

If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school please can it be returned.

Music

Kingfishers and Nightingales will be joining together for our Lent concerts this year to perform a song, accompanied by sign language. The lyrics and actions for this must be learnt by heart, so please support your child in rehearsing at home if you are able. The lyrics and sign video are under copyright so cannot be attached to this newsletter; however, if your child was at St Polycarp's for Year 2 then they will know 'We Are One' from then, and a YouTube recording can be found by following this link: [We Are One](#)

Easter Liturgy

At the end of the term Year 3 will be leading an Easter Liturgy. More information to follow nearer the time.

Key Dates

Monday 24th February – School Starts

Thursday 27th February – Science Fair (after school)

Tuesday 4th March & Thursday 6th March – Feet First Walking

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Liturgy (whole school)

Friday 14th March – INSET (school closed for children)

Monday 17th March – INSET (school closed for children)

Friday 21st March – St Joseph's House Mass

Friday 28th March – Lent Concert

Tuesday 1st April – Year 3 Easter Liturgy

Friday 4th April – Easter Mass (whole school)

Break up for Easter 😊

Reading – focus for homework this half term.

Please can you ensure that your child has completed their Accelerated Reader Quiz online. We would expect children to be completing **one** Accelerated Reader quiz per week (dependent on the size of the book). Please can this be a focus for homework this week!

RA – Young Artists' Summer Show Competition – just a reminder that the closing date for submission is Friday 28th February. It would be lovely to have some entries from the brilliant Year 3 artists! Any theme, any medium, any size!

Feet First Programme– Please ensure you have replied to the programme so that your child is able to take part in March.

Homework

As it is half term next week there is no homework. Do please encourage your child to continue reading over the half term.



WORLD BOOK WEEK 2025

Dear parents and carers,

St Polycarp's World Book Week will start from **Monday 3rd March to Friday 7th March, with World Book Dressing Up Day on Thursday 6th March**. Every year during our World Book Week we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the week including:

Special guest readers: We are inviting you as parents, careers or family members to come and read to your child's class, either in English or another language of your choice. This can be at the end of the day or a time that is convenient for you, we know your children will love it! Please let your class teacher know if this is something you can do.

Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.

Thursday 6th March we will be dressing up. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We will be carrying out a World Book Day parade at school to celebrate our love of reading!

Resident author: At St Polycarp's, we are fortunate enough to have children's author, Tom Easton, as our resident author. He will be visiting us on **Thursday 6th March** to carry out some workshops with each class. Tom will also be selling his own books in the library after school on this day from 3:30pm. Access to the book sale will be through the Early Years area.

Shelfie/reading competition: We will be carrying out a competition of who can read in the craziest place. Take a photo of the children reading and send it in. The crazier the better!

We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate all things reading!
Best wishes

The English Team
Mrs Edgell and Miss Maloney

If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

Many thanks for continuing to support your child's learning. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Thomas, Mrs Roussel and Miss Stainton