



Year 3 Learning Letter

Friday 13th February 2026

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Thank you all for joining us again for Parent/Teacher consultations this week. We love being able to talk about the wonderful work your children are doing in school and how they are growing over their time at North Downs.

What a sea of colour we had today! It was lovely to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week with the Year 3s and a brilliant assembly presented by school councillors too yesterday.

After Half Term:

- In **English**, we begin our persuasive letter writing unit.
- In **Maths**, we will start learning about fractions.
- In **Science**, we will be learning about plants.
- In **PSHE**, we begin Jigsaw Piece 4 (already!) 'Healthy Me'.
- In **RE**, we look at Judaism and answering the question 'What are important times for Jewish people?'.

Homework

Only spellings work has been set this week, as the children have received their Half Termly Maths Challenge. This is due in on **Tuesday 24th February**.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th March however we invite children to come **dressed as a book character of their choice on Friday 6th March**. There is no expectation for any sort of donation - just the fun of it. We look forward to seeing the inventive costumes!

Spelling patterns

- 12/02:** add the prefix 'super-' to root words.
- 26/02:** add the prefix 'anti-' to root words.
- 05/03:** add the prefix 'auto' to root words.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day and we explored the theme: *Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI*

Sites that offer support with children's internet use for families:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Go All In



You will have seen in our recent newsletters about the National Year of Reading and how the children can get involved by reading in an unusual place. Please do share any photos with us to help promote reading for pleasure!

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

Dates for the diary:

Monday 23rd February: Children return to school and parent online safety Zoom session.

Tuesday 24th February: Class online safety sessions.

Friday 6th March: *World Book Day dress up*

Friday 27th March: Break up for Easter @1.15pm

Monday 13th April: Children return to school

Thursday 23rd April: Year 3 Nower Wood trip

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 21st May: Maypole and break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd May: INSET Day

Monday 1st June: INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June: Children return to school

The Breck Foundation

You will have seen in last week's Newsletter that The Breck Foundation will be coming into school to deliver online safety sessions for the children on **Tuesday 24th February**. Please see the Newsletter for the online parent session on **Monday 23rd February** at 6pm. A huge thank you to Miss Whitcher and FONDS for organising and funding these important sessions.

<https://www.breckfoundation.org/>



Have a lovely Half Term!
Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent

