Livingstone Road
Year 3 - Autumn 2

Livingstone Road Primary Federation

Together We Can

Learn Laugh Dream Grow

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school, Year 3! We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. We cannot wait for all of the exciting learning opportunities that this half term will bring.

We will be spending some time learning about the Iron Age, exploring forces and magnets, creating dragon-inspired artwork, and enjoying our class text *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. We will be sharing more about our school values and what makes you a unique and special member of our class.We will also be preparing for Christmas celebrations towards the end of term.

Our Year 3 Team:

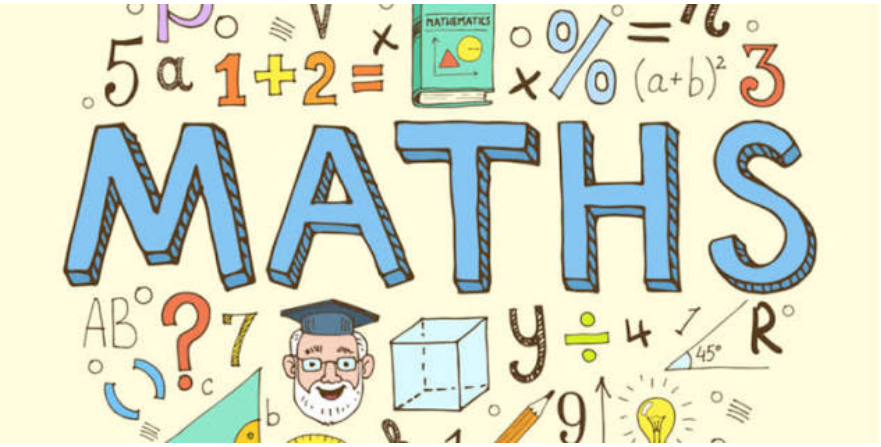
- **Mulberry Class** – Mrs Adams and Mrs Wells
- **Blossom Class** – Miss Robson and Miss Freemantle



English – Reading & Writing

In Reading this half term, we will be exploring *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd! The story follows a boy called Tomas who discovers a dragon fruit tree in his grandad's garden. When the fruit hatches, he finds himself caring for some very unusual pets, leading to lots of excitement and adventure.

We will be using this story and others to inspire our writing of non-chronological reports and narrative writing using sentence openers and direct speech. We will also be writing a Christmas letter at the end of term.



Maths

We will begin the half term by focusing on Addition and Subtraction before moving on to Multiplication and Division.

Maths Fluency: We take part in daily Number Sense sessions to support rapid recall and confidence with number. This helps the children learn key facts that they can apply across all areas of maths. Children will continue to practise important number facts and times tables regularly to develop their mathematical understanding and confidence.

Wider Curriculum (Foundation Subjects)

Here is a look at what we will be exploring across other subjects this half term:

- **Science:** Forces and magnets- We will be learning about pushes and pulls, how objects move on different surfaces, and how magnets attract and repel. We will also carry out investigations to test the strength of magnets.
- **History:** Iron Age - We will be exploring farming, trade, hillforts and how developments in ironworking changed people's lives.
- **Art:** Mixed Media Artwork- We will explore the work of Ellen Jewett, Sharlena Wood and Sarah Taylor. The children will then be experimenting with different materials and textures before creating their own dragon-inspired mixed media artwork.
- **PE:** Dance and Golf- Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will learn how to create dance sequences, perform movements with control and confidence, and work creatively with others. In Golf, they will develop striking and aiming skills while improving their coordination, accuracy and sportsmanship. Please remember that children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. PE hoodies are no longer part of the school PE uniform and should not be worn to school.

Reminders & Home Learning

- **Reading Diaries:** Please aim to read with your child 3 times a week and log it in their diary.
- **Times Tables Rock Stars:** Please encourage your child to continue practising their times tables on TTRS at least three times each week. Their login details can be found in their reading journal.
- **Homework:** Homework will be set on Wednesdays and is due back on Wednesdays.
- **Key Dates:**
- **Wednesday 11th November:** Travelling Museum of Natural History Visit- Children will enjoy a hands-on fossil workshop, including a fossil dig and fossil casting activity.
- **Thursday 12th November, 2:30pm-3:30pm:** We would love to invite parents and carers to our Year 3 Book Café. This is a wonderful opportunity to:
    - Read with your child
    - Explore our new selection of exciting, high-quality books
    - Watch a whole-class reading session in action