



Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

We are very pleased to share with you this letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, commending the school on the progress the children make. It is our vision at Henry Fawcett that with the right opportunities and the best education possible every child can succeed and fulfil their potential. Our committed staff team work very hard to ensure all pupils have the best possible future.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Eckford,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making.

Your school's results, as published on 15 December, show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2 in English reading, writing and mathematics.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

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Year 3

Term 4 2016/17

Work for this term

As usual at Henry Fawcett, our learning will take a cross-curricula approach. Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt.' We will plan lessons as much as possible around this topic.

Maths

In our maths learning, we will be focusing on both mental and written calculations. The children will be developing their skills of written methods of calculations and applying these in a variety of different ways. They will also be looking at the use of money and applying their mathematical skills around this topic. As always, times tables will be a daily focus. Year 3 are currently learning the 3, 4, and 8's (as well as the 2, 5 and 10's from Year 2).

English

We will be basing our literacy learning this term around the book 'A Pebble in my Pocket'. This links to our science topic of Rocks and Soils. We will be looking at a variety of writing genres throughout the term, including poetry and explanation texts.

How you can help your child

Reading

Spend 10-20 minutes listening to your child read every day. It really does make a massive difference to their reading ability. This works best if you question the children about what has been read afterwards. **Please sign their reading record and make sure that these are brought into school, with their reading book every day.**

Spellings

Please help your child to learn how to spell any new words they come across when they are reading with you and make sure they know what it means. Spellings will also go home with the homework grids each term. Make sure you use Spellodrome at home (same password as Mathematics).

Maths

You can support your child's maths by spending 10 minutes testing them on numbers, time, shopping, etc. Maths games are a fun way to help your child learn and it really does make a difference. Please continue to use the Mathematics website.

Year 3 have an action packed term ahead. There are a couple of trips planned for our topic this term, so watch this space for more information.

We have been working hard on improving our handwriting and presentation skills in year 3. A resource that we have invested in is 'Letter-join.' This is a resource that you can access at home to support your child with their handwriting. If you would like help with using this at home, please speak to any of the Year 3 team. As always, we will be available to talk to you at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like to discuss something in detail we can arrange a meeting after school hours.

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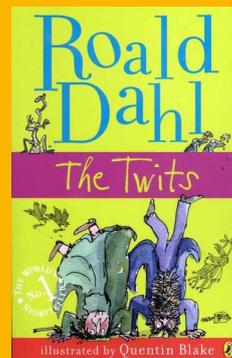


Volunteer Readers

We are working hard on developing the children's reading skills and would love to have some parents to read with the children during the school day. If you would like to volunteer some time to read with children in Year 3, then please speak to one of us at the beginning or end of the day.

**WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH**
Year 3 have been enjoying the wonderful world of Roald Dahl books this term and all next week

we will be studying 'The Twits'. All the children should dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character and we look forward to seeing all their fantastic costumes.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March

Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Thursday 9th March

Film Night

Reminders

Any trainers, jewellery and hoodies must not be worn. Rain jackets must be brought in everyday as it is a compulsory part of the uniform.

P.E kit is the new navy t-shirt, dark shorts/track suit trousers and dark plimsolls. **These need to be in school all week in case of any changes to the PE timetable.**