

## Year 3 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 9

### This week in Year 3

British Science Week was kick-started on Monday morning when we were visited by the *Nutty Scientists* for a workshop around the theme of the week: time. The children made their own sundials and explored how time differences work around the world.

On Wednesday, Year 3 spent the morning with their buddies from Year 5 in the Science Museum. We watched two shows together. Firstly, *The Wonder Show*, in which the explainer made some 'elephant's toothpaste' using hydrogen peroxide and made fire dance to the tune of the Ghostbusters theme! Secondly, *Flash Bang Wallop*, in which we learned about the fire triangle, saw a fire tornado, and saw two huge explosions which we had to cover our ears for! Outside of the shows, the children really enjoyed exploring the 'Clockmakers' Museum,' especially because we had worked together as a class earlier in the week to put together our own analogue clock. We also had a fantastic time in the Technicians exhibition, which was particularly interactive and gave the children an insight into various STEM-related careers





Year 3's trip to the Science Museum!

## Things to Remember

- You are welcome to join us on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, from 8:15 to 8:45, for an Internet Safety Workshop led by Ms. Foster. This session will aim to equip parents with tools to navigate the digital world alongside their children safely.
- On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, Year 3 will be going on a class trip to Mountfitchet Castle. Please send your child into school in their **own clothes and with a healthy packed lunch**. Drop-off and dismissal times are the same as usual.
- The Shakespeare Festival will be taking place next week. You are invited to watch **Year 3's performance on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 09:00**. In the meantime, please spend some time practising lines with your child to ensure they know them comfortably.
- We are looking forward to welcoming parents into our classroom on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March for a Book Look, from 8:15am to 9am. If you have children in different classes in the Upper School, staff will be on hand to escort you around so that you can see all of your children's brilliant work.
- On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to a meeting to introduce our upcoming and exciting Digital Transformation. This will be rolled out from September to children currently in these year groups to start with, and this meeting is an opportunity to give you an initial overview of the initiative. The meeting will take place at 9am, straight after the Book Look; please wait in the main reception area, and you will be taken to the meeting room.

- Please remember to book places (maximum of 2 per family) for Grandparents and Friends Morning on the last day of term, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

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As part of Grandparents' Morning, we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. The children are invited to make an Easter-themed hat or headdress to wear on the day. As we are an eco-friendly school, we would like the children to reuse or upcycle items for their creations. Children must still wear full school uniform and bring their hats in on the day. As this is a fundraising event, please bring £1.

A bake sale will take place after the parade, in the courtyard, where monies raised will be shared between the three charities St James Prep supports - The Daisy Trust, St Vincent's School for the Sensory Impaired and Other Needs and Rossholme School in Kenya.

- Spelling words for this week - words in ending '-ly'

gently

humbly

simply

terribly

nobly

incredibly

durably

wrinkly

possibly

responsibly