

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

23rd January, 2026

In this term, we have been fortunate to have an amazing dance teacher, Miss Sargent to teach the children dance for their PE lessons. For the last few weeks, she has been teaching them to dance to a beat of 8 and complete a dance routine to music. They are thoroughly enjoying it and they have such rhythm and creativity when they move. Miss Sargent has been so impressed with their dancing skills.

In Guided Reading, we started to read a new text, which is a twist on the original tale of Sleeping Beauty. Our book is called 'Creeping Beauty' The children began by predicting what the story would be about by using the front cover and blurb. They had many questions which they are excited to explore and find out during their reading. The vocabulary is rich and they have been using the text to find out the meanings of new words.

In writing, the children have been learning to write persuasively so they can write to the Mayor of Maidstone to invite him to our school exhibition at Maidstone Museum. They have learnt how to use emotive language for persuasion and how to start a sentence with a persuasive phrase like 'I strongly believe'. The children are excited and really proud to write this letter to the Mayor. We are confident that they will be able to persuade him to visit the exhibition with their well written letters.

In maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division. The children are aware how important it is to know the times tables by heart so please can you continue to promote and use TT Rockstars as this quick mental recall allows the children to answer the questions with confidence. We have been teaching them to use arrays to multiply and divide amounts. They are using bar models to count in multiples to solve the calculations. The children are growing in confidence with their maths and it is wonderful to see.

Thank you for continuing to support the children with reading at home and now they are moving on to the next step of 100 reads for their reading award. Their love of reading is clear and obvious. Lastly, a quick reminder for you, please can the children bring their water bottle to school every day and could any toys and fidgets stay at home unless this has been agreed by SEND team. A last thank you to the swim mums for changing their day to support with the new class times this term.

Thank you for all your continued support this term.

Best wishes,

The Year Three Team