



Autumn 1 2026-2027 Newsletter

Year 3/4



Welcome to Y3/4!

We would like to welcome all of our families back to Scargill after the summer break. We hope you are all well and we are so pleased to be warmly welcoming your child into our Year 3/4 department.

Whether they have moved from Year 3 to Year 4 or are joining the department from KS1, we hope they have enjoyed their start to the new academic year and we are looking forward to a great year together.

Our aim is to inspire, support and encourage your child to fulfil their potential and thrive during their time in Y3/4.

Department Staff

We have two mixed cohort classes in Y3/4 - Lions and Tigers

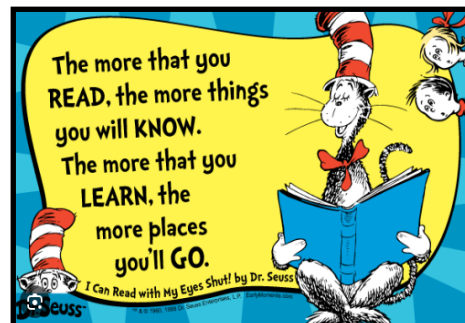
Lions are taught by Miss Roper (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Benn (Thurs-Fri), Tigers are taught by Mrs Benn (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Guest (Wed-Fri).

PPA cover in the classes will be taught by Mr Askew and Mrs Rowles.

We have several TAs that support children across our year group and with interventions, these include: Mrs Rowles, Mrs Perry, Miss Speller, Miss Dexter, Miss Smith, Mrs Swift, Mrs Claypole and Mrs Brown.

Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and helps all children to access learning at school. Reading frequently really does make the greatest difference to children's ability and confidence.



All children should have received a reading record and reading book by the end of their first full week back.

If your child is new to Key Stage 2, they will be responsible for changing their own book in our library area and time is allocated for this at times during the school day.

Children are able to choose from a wide range of books at their reading level and ones that they feel they will enjoy reading. Reading continues to be vitally important to a child's academic success as they move through school so please try to hear your child read daily.

All children benefit from a daily read and the opportunity to discuss the book they are reading. Please be aware that book band levels may change during the year and we have a wide range of genres available within each band. Some free-reader books may be more suitable for our older Key Stage 2 children, so sometimes your child may be directed to our top level book band colour instead.

In line with our Dojo reward system, we award 3 Dojos for each time your child reads to an adult at home and 2 if they read it independently.

All reads can be logged in your child's reading record. This can be in the form of a comment or simply just an initial to acknowledge a read has taken place.

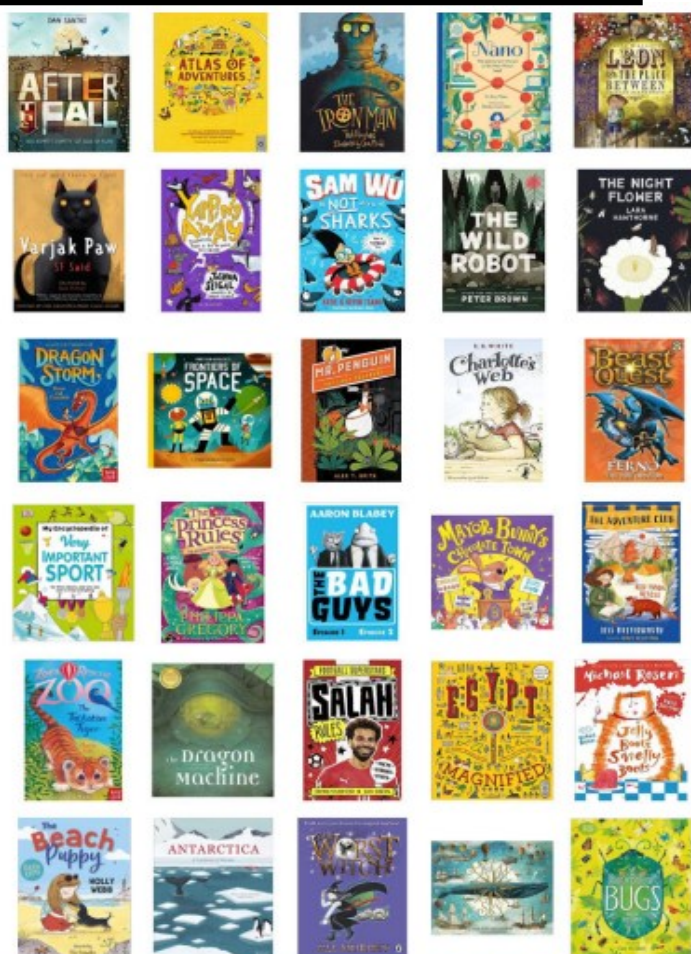
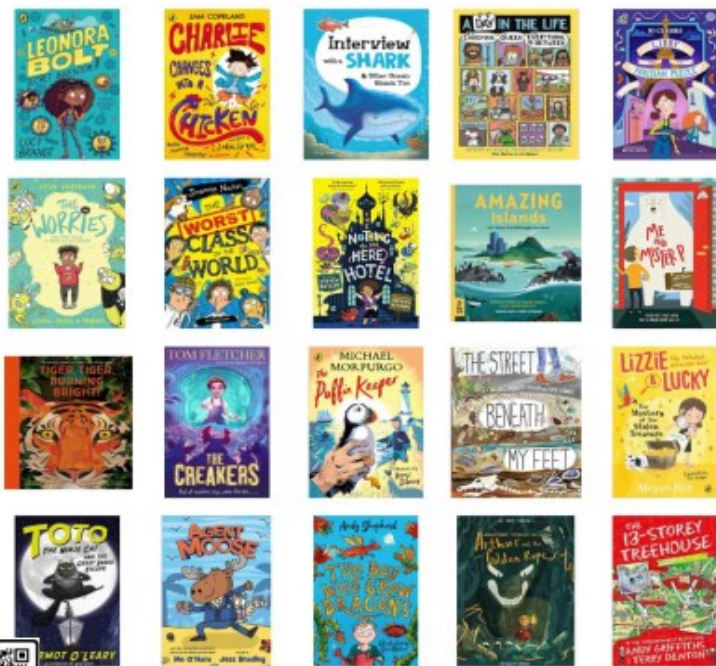
Teachers will check the children's reads regularly but please remind your child to let the class teacher know if they are owed Dojo points for reading.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading.

If you are not sure which books to recommend to your child, here are some recommended reads that are suitable for ages 7-9. In our school library, there are clearly labelled books as recommended reads for all year groups that your child can choose from to enjoy.

(ages 7-8)

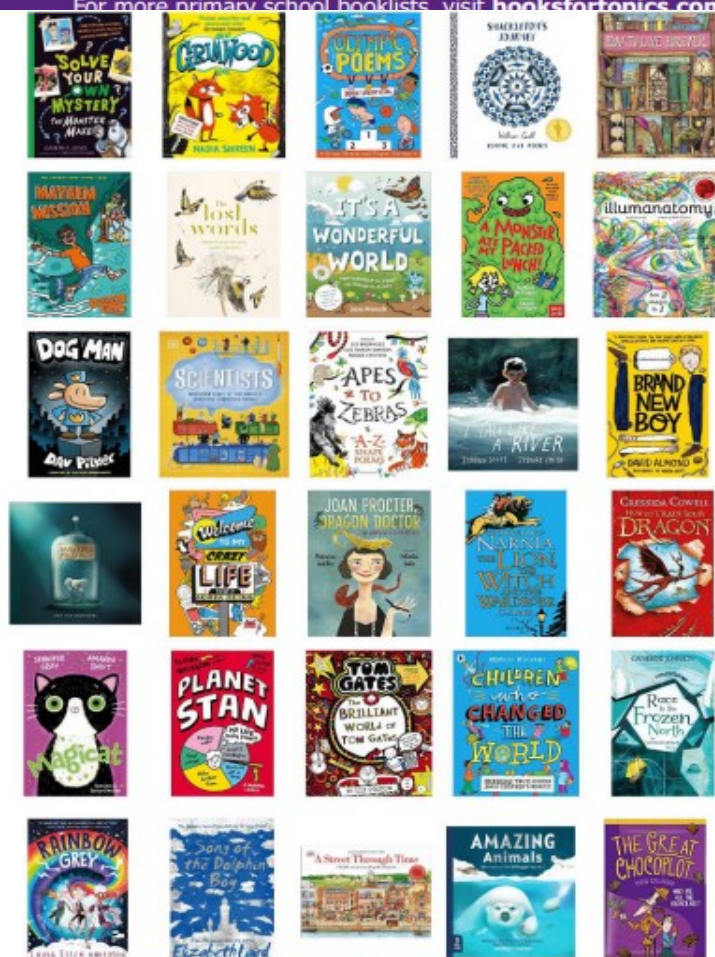


SCAN ME

www.booksfortopics.com/year-3

For more primary school booklists, visit booksfortopics.com

(ages 8-9)



SCAN ME

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Autumn 1 26/27 - Our Y3/4 Curriculum

English

Empathy Lab: Belonging and Friendship

Oracy skills

Descriptive character writing - Ironman

Non-chronological report



Maths

Place Value

Addition and Subtraction



Science

Animals including Humans



Computing

Online safety

**purple
mash**

Geography

How can we use maps to find out information about countries in the UK?

Art

Drawing - Exploring tone, texture and proportion



PSHE

Being Me



Thrive

Our individual class focus

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Religion and Worldviews

What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?



Music

Ballads



French

Greetings, numbers and colours



PE

Outdoor PE: Physical Literacy - The Lion King

Indoor PE: Boxercise



Lions: Indoor – Thursday

Outdoor – Monday

Tigers: Indoor – Thursday

Outdoor – Monday

Upcoming dates: (Please refer to our whole school newsletter for any additional or updated dates)

17.9.26 - Pupil Flu immunisations

9.10.26 - Hello Yellow Day - Wear something yellow!

W/C: 19.10.26 - Parent's Evenings (Mon/Thurs) and Scholastic Book Fair

23.10.26 - Break-up for half-term

A few gentle reminders for the new term!

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a suitability sized, named plastic water bottle. Please do not send disposable water bottles, as we are working hard to reduce waste and to encourage the children to use less single use plastic.

Snacks

Please note that fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times, again please avoid single use plastic packaging where possible.

Pencil Cases

We will provide all children with everything they need. Please leave any personal stationary or toys at home, as they have a tendency to get lost and this causes unnecessary upset.

Bags

PE kits should ideally be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs. A flat book bag should be used for reading books or any home learning as these are the perfect size and shape for A4 wallets, paper and books that may travel between school and home regularly.

Please note that rucksacks are not permitted in line with our uniform policy.

Having the correct uniform is important for all of our children to be part of the Scargill community and feel proud of their Scargill identity as they represent our school. If your child receives a uniform letter, please work with us to address it and if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via our department email address.

NUT ALLERGIES



Please be aware that we have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you!

Communication

The easiest way to contact us in the Y3/4 team is by using our email address:

Y3-4department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

We will also use phone calls, texts, X (Twitter), and the school website to keep you informed. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn term with your child.

If you have any questions or if there is anything else that we can help you with then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Roper, Mrs Benn and Mrs Guest