

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1
2026

Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome



Dear families and carers,
Happy New Year!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term.

This half term, we will be covering a range of subjects and topics—some of which are outlined below:

Homework is set on a Thursday and due in on the following Tuesday.

Important Dates



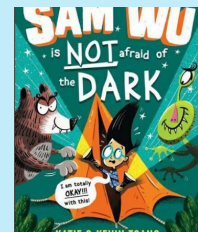
06/01/26—start of spring term.

13/02/26—end of spring 1.

English

Reading

This term, Year 3 will be reading, '**Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK**'. This book sits somewhere between a picture book and a graphic novel. The book centres around Sam Wu trying to prove that he is not afraid of the dark which proves challenging when he is sent on a camping trip. We will explore characters, themes and how the author uses language to create atmosphere and meaning. The children will be using key skills such as retrieval and inference to fully understand the story.



Writing

In writing, we will be learning a dialogue through narrative using a structure of 5 to create a clear and simple story plot. They will be building upon their range of descriptive devices as well as understanding how to include dialogue for atmosphere and effect. We will also be looking into poetic features based on the theme— emotions.



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Mathematics

In maths we will be adding and subtracting using the formal column method as well as learning new knowledge on shapes including angles and polygons.

Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Thursday** and is due back into class on the following **Tuesday**.

Weekly homework is:

- Spellings (1 activity per week)
- Maths (1 activity every other week and TT rockstars)
- Reading (4x a week + reading comprehension will be provided every other week.)

All homework will be sent home in an A4 exercise book and details of log ins provided.



PE is on a Monday, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit.

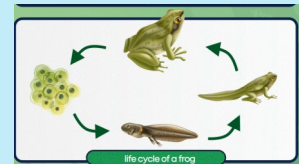
Life Skills



In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on: difficult challenges and achieving success, new challenges, motivation, recognising and trying to overcome obstacles, evaluating learning processes and simple budgeting.

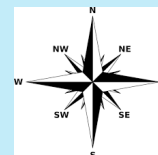
Science

In Science we will be focusing on the knowledge of Cycles in Nature. We will be identifying and describing different functions of flowering plants and exploring the part that flowers and animals play in the life cycle.



Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be learning about The South West of England. We will be identifying and locating counties and cities of the South West of England as well as identifying human and physical characteristics and key topographical features.



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