



Year 3 Newsletter



Spring 1—2025/2026

Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is on **Friday**.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains:

- A Mytchett logo PE t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in the house colours
 - Black shorts
- Black tracksuit top/ grey Mytchett hoodie
 - Black tracksuit bottoms
 - Trainers (that fit!)

Please remember to take out your child's earrings on PE days. Our school website shares guidance on the wearing of jewellery.

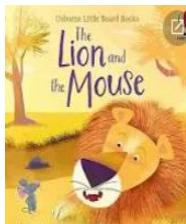
Reading

In Reading this half term, the children will be reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. This classic children's novel explores how a young boy named Barney encounters a Caveman, Stig, and how they quickly become friends. The children will explore new language used in the book and engage in discussion about the text. They'll answer a range of comprehension questions.



Writing

In writing this half term, the children will be reading the story of The Lion and the Mouse and writing their own version of it. They will then learn all about persuasive writing through the texts: 'Dogs Make Great Pets' and 'an advert to visit a place'.



Key Dates

Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET day (academy closed to all pupils)

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – spring 1 term begins

Wednesday 21st January 2026 – FFMPS spring term meeting

Tuesday 3rd February to Friday 6th February 2026 – Scholastic book fair (after school in the dining hall)

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – SEND coffee afternoon (2:30pm)

Thursday 12th February 2026 – parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Y3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Friday 13th February 2026 – spring term family forum meeting

Friday 13th February 2026 – last day of term (3:15pm collection)

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026 – half term holidays

Monday 23rd February – spring 2 term begins

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will continue to practise the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. They will also learn how to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Then, the children will learn how to measure accurately in cm, m and mm and use this knowledge to work out the perimeter of shapes and objects.



Science

In science this half term, the children will focus on forces and magnets. They will investigate how friction affects the way that objects move on different surfaces. After learning the properties of magnetism, the children will research which materials are magnetic and which are not.



Geography

In geography this half term, the children will develop their knowledge of the Earth, including its continents, oceans and climate zones. The children will then learn more about Africa as a continent, including both its physical and human geography. The children will then begin to learn about Ethiopia, starting with where it is in Africa.



Art

In art this half term, the children will revisit the artist Henri Matisse, focusing on his still life paintings. They will explore the use of watercolours by creating their own still life painting using the techniques of washing and layering. They will consider how the arrangement of objects can impact how a painting looks while making comparisons to work by Matisse.



PE

In PE this half term, the children are going to be improving their flexibility, strength and balance in gymnastics! They will recap forward rolls before moving on to learning backward rolls and teddy bear rolls. They will then learn how to sequence these into a short routine with smooth transitions. The children will also learn about Beth Tweddle, a successful British gymnast.



Music

In music this half term, the children are going to be using glockenspiels to practise recreating pieces of music. They will have opportunities to focus on the key notes used within each genre and improvise their own melody. The children will also be learning how long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds can be represented by musical symbols.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children will be looking at what makes a community. To do this, they will learn about diversity, equality and equity. Towards the end of the half term, the children will learn what a stereotype is and will learn to challenge them.

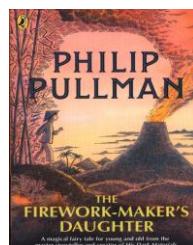


French

In French this half term, the children will be introduced to animals. They will learn how to say 10 familiar animals in French and alongside this, they will learn the 1st person singular verb 'I am' in French. The children will learn how to build a simple sentence, eventually being able to say 'I am' plus the animal noun and determiner in French.



Suggested books for reading



The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd