

Hello Year 3 Parents,

Spring 2 has got off to a flying start and children are loving our new topics. This week we began our Science topic on Forces and Magnets. We are learning about pushing and pulling forces. Next week we will be conducting an investigation on friction.

In English this week we have continued with our new book 'My Strong Mind' by Neil Van Hove. Through this text, we are exploring how to write instructions. Our first task was to follow a set of instructions on how to make an origami boat. The instructions were very tricky to follow but we demonstrated our resilience and persevered until we had all completed the task. We are now learning how to use rhetorical questions to 'hook' the reader in, bullet points and brackets.

In Maths we are learning about 'Length and Perimeter' converting between millimetres, centimetres and metres. Hopefully weather permitting, we will have the opportunity to get outside and measure items and objects around the playground.

Finally, we have started our new History topic on the Vikings. Over the next few weeks we will be asking the question: What did the Vikings want and what did Alfred do to stop them getting it? We began by learning about the attack by the Vikings on Holy Island in June 793.

Finally in music this week we have been lucky enough to have a visit from two professional musicians from Music Accent Hub who were sharing with us traditional Chinese music. I have attached photos of this and from last week's trip to watch The Lion King.

Polite Reminders:

- PE days for Spring 2 will stay as Tuesday and Friday.
- Big Maths, Spelling, and Reading Pockets (including Reading Records) should be sent to school every day so they can be updated promptly.
- Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. We expect the children to read every night for 15 minutes and for Reading Records to be kept up to date. Anyone reading and recording up to three times per week will earn one smiley, and anyone reading six times or more can earn two. Remember reading is the key to success!

Thank you children for all your efforts this week, enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Gambles