

Y3

# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Spring 2

We hope you have had a lovely half term. This term our theme is 'An African Adventure'.

The children have engaged well with all our units so far and really enjoyed learning about Ancient China in the previous half term.



## Dates for your Diary

- 06.03.25 – World Book Day “Read Your Way”
- 26.03.25 – Class 3B Assembly 2:50 – 3:10pm
- 03.04.25 – PTFA Event – Easter Disco
- 04.04.25 – School Closes for Easter Break 3:15pm

## Friendly Reminders

- 3B will be going to Forest School on a Wednesday. Please ensure that they have their Forest School clothing in on this day.
- 3L will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure that kit is in school and that earrings are removed/securely taped.
- Reading records are checked every Monday. Please read at least 5 times a week.
- Homework and spellings are set every week on Purple Mash and are due the following Friday. Please use Spelling Shed to support the learning of the spelling rules that we are covering in class.
- Please continue to check your child's times tables knowledge and support them in learning these key facts.



# What we are studying

## Maths

We will begin our term with learning about length and comparing different units of measure. We will also learn what perimeter is and how to calculate it for different shapes.

We will then focus on fractions. We will learn how to find fractions of amount, what a fraction is, comparing and ordering fractions and some equivalent fractions.

We will be continuing to focus on our 4 and 8 times tables.

## English

In English, we will be learning how to write informal letters.

We will use the book 'Meerkat Mail' to support us in doing this.

We will then be working on our debating skills and looking at how to articulate an opinion and give a counter opinion

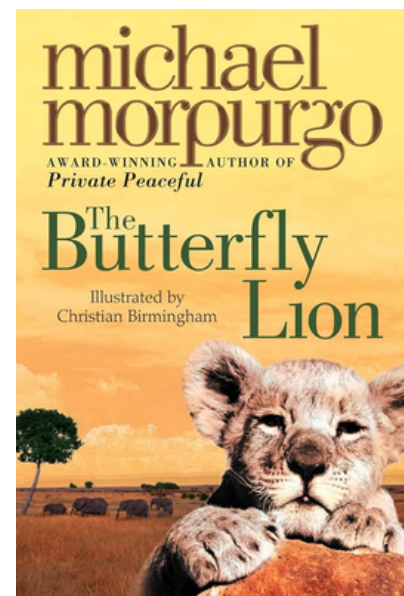
Our class novel this term will be 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. The book follows the story of a boy called Bertie who saves a lion cub whilst living on the plains of Africa.

## Geography

Our main focus this term will be Geography.

We will be learning about the different biomes all over the world and linking these to climate zones.

We will think about the plants that grow in each of these biomes and focus on which biomes that are found within the continent of Africa.



## Other areas of the curriculum

In Computing, we will use the computers to research and find out more about African Animals.

We will also be creating moving/pop up Easter cards using pneumatics in our DT lessons.

The children will be learning about Easter during their RE lessons.

During our Science lessons, we will look at animals and their bones. We will explore how different animals have different bones and the importance of our bones. Also, we will look at how our muscles and joints work in order to help us to move.