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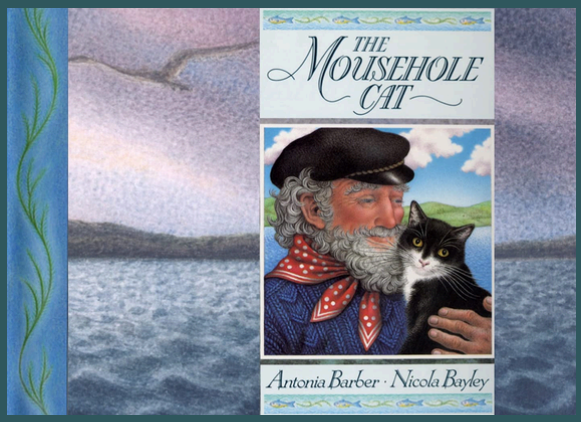
Year 3 Learning Newsletter

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HOOK

The children started their topic by receiving a letter from the main character of their new RIch Read - The Mousehole Cat.

They explored Cornwall and Mousehole and made Cornish Bunting.



RICH READ

Topic Words

Cornwall, Mousehole, cottage, breakwaters, county, ocean, busy, Cornish, quay, harbour, village

Main Focus

This topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will explore their rich read before going on to write letters linked to the book.
- **Science** where the children will investigate rocks and soils.
- **Geography** where the children will compare Totton to Mousehole (a Cornish town).
- **Art** where the children will look at the work of J.M.W. Turner before creating their own Cornish seascape.
- **Computing** where the children will learn how to use Google Slides.

These subjects are not linked to the topic:

- **PSHE** where the children will learn the importance of respectful behaviours.
- **RE** where the children will explore the concept of 'angels'.

Outcome

Thursday 17th December 2026
9.00am

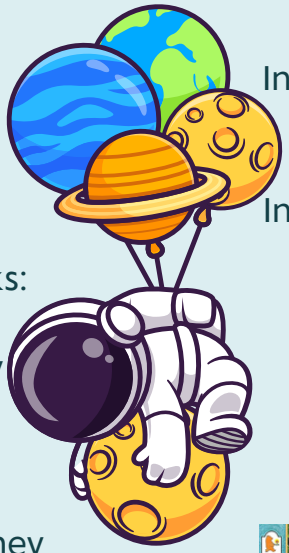
You are invited in to school to visit your child's Year 3 classroom where they will be sharing their English, Art, Geography and Science work with you.

Learning Experiences

- **English:** investigating characters and settings, exploring letters.
- **Science:** grouping and classifying rock types, planning and conducting scientific experiments.
- **Geography:** visiting Totton, conducting surveys, comparing areas and interpreting maps.
- **Art:** creating watercolour washes and experimenting with wax pastels.
- **Computing:** using Google Slides.
- **PSHE:** sorting, grouping and debating ideas.
- **RE:** working in groups, taking a stand.



Home Learning



In Lower School, your child has two weekly home learning tasks:

1) Reading - due every Thursday
2) Times Tables - due every Friday

To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary.

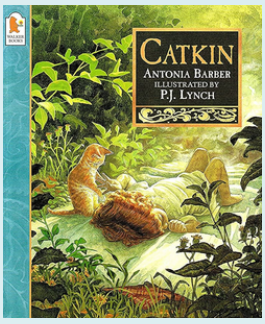
For times tables, they will need to play at least five games a week on TTRS.

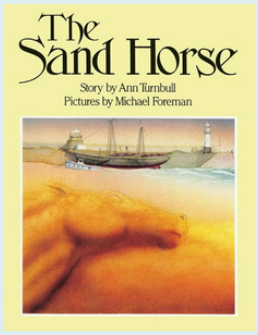
Christmas Unit

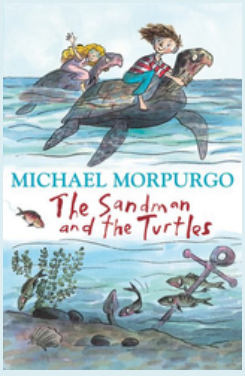
In the last week of this half term, the children will enjoy a special Christmas unit.

In English, they will explore Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box' before writing their own poem entitled 'My Christmas Box'.

In DT, they will design and build their own Christmas Box which they will place their poem in.



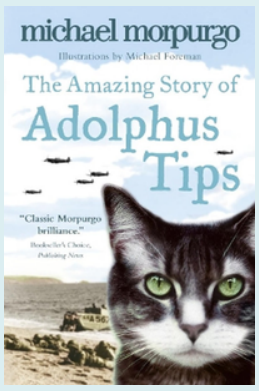








If your child enjoys 'The Mousehole Cat', they may also like these:



Spellings

last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, rather, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, hour