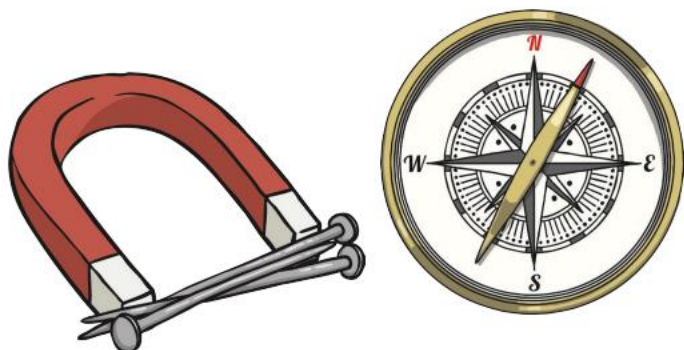


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## Forces and Magnets

Year 3

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| force   | magnetic       |
| push    | attract        |
| pull    | repel          |
| open    | magnetic poles |
| surface | North          |
| magnet  | South          |



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we go into the second half of the Autumn Term, we would like to start by saying a huge well done to all of the children for settling so well into Year 3 and for showing great enthusiasm in their learning.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent parent evenings and the reading café. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to come in and read with your child.

Once swimming comes to end, the children will go back to having PE on Thursdays (inside) and Fridays (outside).

We will also be sending out a message very soon about clothes for the Christmas performance.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Dunford & Miss Lockwood.

## English

Currently, the book we are using as a basis for our writing outcomes is the lovely picture book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. It tells the story of an old man who dreams of living in a wild forest bursting with life, but lives in a grey and barren scrap-metal wasteland. We have been building up to retelling the story from the old man's perspective. After this, we will be basing our writing around the wonderful Michael Morpurgo book, 'Coming Home'. This is the tale of a robin embarking on a dangerous migration home, and it leads us into the Christmas period nicely!

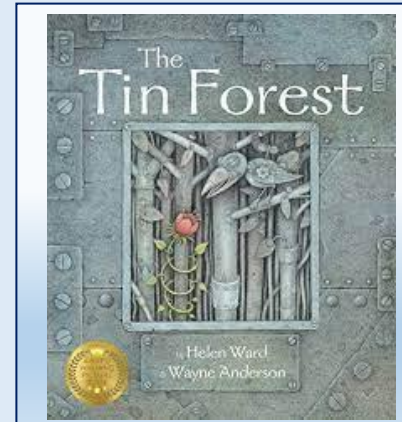
We will be testing the children on tricky word spellings over the next week. Please watch out for these coming home so that you can see which words the children need to practise (non-highlighted words).

## Reading

Please continue to support your child reading at home. Increasing their fluency and confidence in reading is essential. Most of the children will have a book matched to their current fluency level, which they may need to keep for up to a week to practise reading with fluency and expression. Also, all children have a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have chosen from the class library to share with you at home.

## Topic

Our main focus for this half term is geography based, exploring what is unique about Ryde. We will begin with mapping some key cities in the UK, and then focusing more closely on the Isle of Wight, specifically Ryde. We will be exploring compass points and grid references.



## Maths

We have been learning about fractions, including finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and quantities. Please encourage your child to practise the 2, 5- and 10-times tables, as well as the 3- and 4-times tables, including opposite division facts. Fluency in times tables is extremely important. We will shortly be moving onto a geometry unit, exploring the properties of 2-D and 3-D shape, followed by units on measuring length and telling the time.

## Science

We have just started our 'Forces & Magnets' topic. This includes developing an understanding of friction, and sorting materials into 'magnetic' and 'not magnetic'. The children will practise working scientifically skills, planning and carrying out fair tests.