



# Y3 Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Spring 1

Welcome back. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you a happy new year. Our theme this half term is 'Light It Up'. Our class novel will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 19th January – Whole School Da Vinci Day
- Thursday 8th February – Parents' Evening (3.30–8.00pm)
- Friday 9th February – Year 3 Chinese New Year Day
- W/C Monday 12th February – Half Term Holiday
- Monday 19th February – Return to school

## Friendly Reminders

- 3L will be doing PE on a Thursday and a Friday.
- 3S will be doing Forest School a Thursday afternoon.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading book when they have read. They can change their book as soon as they have completed it. Please read with your child 5 times a week minimum. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday.
- Homework and spellings will be put on the blog on a Friday. HW needs to be completed by the following Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday.

# What we are studying

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## Maths

In Maths, we will begin to look at using a formal written method for multiplication. It would be very beneficial for the children to be confident with their times tables (in particular their 3, 4, and 8 times) during this unit so please practice as much as you can at home. We will also look at division and ways in which we can use partitioning to divide larger numbers.

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## English

Our class novel this term will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. The book follows the story of Lila, who wishes to be a firework maker, and her quest to make that happen.

Linking with quest/ adventure stories, we will be using Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers in our English lessons to explore this genre more. The children will learn about the different features, including the use of speech, and will have a go at creating their own quest stories.

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## History

Our History this term will focus on 'Ancient China'. We will be learning about the Shang Dynasty and the impact of discoveries/ inventions, which were created in these Ancient times, have on life in China and its culture today. We are planning to learn about Chinese New Year with a day of activities on Friday 9th February.



## Other curriculum areas

In Science, we will be looking at what darkness is and different light sources. We will also carry out investigations linked to reflections and shadows.

In D.T, we will be designing playground equipment.

The children will be learning the names of different animals in French and focusing on net searches in Computing.

We will be discussing our dreams and goals in PSHE. 3S will be continuing their link with Daisyfield School as part of Linking Classrooms.

