

Y3 Spring 2: Predator



We hope you all had a lovely half term and are refreshed for another busy half term of learning! Our Friday swimming sessions continue with our first session on 23.2.18.

Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term with our new animal based topic:

Predator

Please do not hesitate to let Mrs Morris, Miss Durkin or Mrs Rogers know if you have any questions or concerns.

We will always do our best to ensure your child is getting the most out of their education.

English

Year 3 will have the opportunity to write for a variety of different purposes this half term. These include: discussions, recounts, reports, narratives and speeches.

We now have a few Y3 children who have earned their pen licenses and as part of our continued whole-school handwriting drive, we hope to see lots more Y3s earning their pens this half term! Keep up the fantastic work and keep practising!

Daily Guided Reading sessions will support your child's understanding, enjoyment and confidence in reading. Reading regularly at home will also greatly help your child's progress.

Maths

We will continue to build on our multiplication skills this half term, as they are crucial to support other aspects of Maths. Please make sure you continue to practise your target times tables and associated division facts. We now have some Y3 children working on their 'Bronze Plus' times tables challenges! Who will be the first to move onto 'Silver?'

As well as this, the children will be taught to apply their maths skills in a variety of contexts through measurements (money); division; and statistics.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that your child is in school **everyday** and **on time**. School opens at **8:50am** to allow pupils to share their reading journals and begin their 5 a Day maths work.

Every minute of learning time is essential.



Topic

This half term our topic is 'Predator'. We will explore the biomes and habitats of some of the world's most fierce and fascinating predators the animal kingdom has to offer! It's time to take a walk on the wild side! Find out who's coming to visit... is it a bug-munching lizard or an eagle-eyed bird of prey? Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it? Feeling peckish? Let's jump aboard the food chain! Not only this, we will be developing our stamina through cross country/long distance running in PE sessions and part of our new 'Daily Mile' initiative. Being healthy, getting fit and having fun are some of our goals at St Alphonsus!

PE and Swimming

Our Y3 PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.
Swimming continues **every Friday morning**.

Please remember that for PE children should have a PE kit including shorts and T-shirt with suitable footwear (plimsolls or trainers).

Please also remember that for swimming children should have their swimming costume and towel in a waterproof or plastic bag.

Home Learning

Reading - Your child will bring a reading scheme book home each night: please take the time at home to listen to your child read **each night** and to fill in their reading record.

Homework - homework grids will be sent home (and are available on the school website) for children to select their homework challenges. These should be returned to school to be checked **every Wednesday**.

Please ask if you have any queries or problems about home reading or homework ☺

Homework Online

Please remember you can access our homework grids and **upload** any homework via our website. Follow the link and instructions below:

<https://www.stalphonsusrcschool.co.uk/year-3-homework/>

Homework → Year 3 → Password: homework3