



# Burton-upon-Stather Primary Academy

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## *Class Corner - Year 3*

Year 3 has had an amazing and action-packed term full of learning, creativity, and adventure!

In Literacy, we journeyed into the magical world of *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and the dramatic, thrilling story *Escape from Pompeii*. These stories inspired the children to write their own adventure stories and letters. We have been learning to make our writing come alive using speech, subordinating conjunctions, complex sentences, prepositions, and adverbials. One child said, "I loved making my story feel like the characters were really talking to me!" The creativity and imagination shown by the children has been fantastic.

In Maths, we focused on place value and mastered addition and subtraction using the column method. The children have continually challenged themselves to think carefully and solve problems in clever ways. We have been practising our reasoning skills and learning to approach each problem in a mathematical manner, showing determination and persistence.

Our Science learning this term has been explosive! We explored volcanoes, rocks, soil, and the structure of the Earth, linking beautifully with our Geography lessons. We investigated why people might still choose to live near fault lines and active volcanoes, considering both the risks and benefits. In Art, we practised our drawing skills and created stunning volcanic pictures, combining observation and imagination to bring our ideas to life.

In PE, we focused on hockey, improving our coordination, teamwork, and strategic thinking. We were also incredibly lucky to be the first class to attend Forest School, where we brought our learning to life in a hands-on and active way. The children enjoyed cooking smores over the fire, making a volcanic berry and apple pie, and practising teamwork through den-building activities. One child reflected, "Forest School is the best classroom ever!"

We rounded off the term with our long-anticipated Black History Month celebrations. The children explored the life and work of Benjamin Zephaniah, creating brilliant poems inspired by *Talking Turkeys* and phenomenal portraits. These were displayed during our gallery walk, allowing everyone to celebrate the creativity, effort, and achievements of all the children.

This term has been full of curiosity, creativity, exploration, teamwork, and fun. The children in Year 3 have shown great enthusiasm for learning and have achieved so much. We are incredibly proud of them and cannot wait to see what exciting adventures next term will bring!

Miss Masoud  
Year 3 Class Teacher



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## *Black History Month*

This October, our school has proudly celebrated Black History Month, and it has been truly inspiring to see the enthusiasm and curiosity of our pupils as they explored the lives and legacies of significant Black individuals throughout UK history.

From learning about Sir Lenny Henry's incredible work in charity and the arts, to discovering the bravery and trailblazing story of Lilian Bader—the first mixed-race woman to join the British armed forces—our children have shown great interest and pride in their learning.

The library corridor has been transformed into a vibrant gallery of work, with displays showcasing the children's projects, artwork, and reflections. It was heart-warming to see so many children eager to share their knowledge and celebrate the contributions of Black Britons, past and present.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who visited to view the displays and support the children's learning. Your involvement means so much and helps make these moments even more meaningful.

Mrs Daly



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## Celebration



**Readers Award**  
**Reception - Rory**  
**Year 1 - Hope**  
**Year 2 – Loic**  
**Year 3 – Scarlett**  
**Year 4 – Aiden**  
**Year 5 – Albie**  
**Year 6 - Lucas**



**Good Friend Award**  
**Year 1 - Toby**  
**Year 2 – Eleanor**  
**Year 3 – Rowan**  
**Year 4 – George**  
**Year 5 – Lilly-Mae**  
**Year 6 - Jensen**

**Bronze Award**  
**Year 1 – Harley**  
**Year 2 – Harper, George**  
**Year 3 – Emily, Roman**  
**Year 4 – Lilly, Jonas,  
Oliver, Rex**  
**Year 5 – Evelyn, Harrison,  
Grace**  
**Year 6 – Rath**

**Silver Award**  
**Year 1 – Myla, Jaxon**  
**Year 2 – Jess**  
**Year 3 – Zak**  
**Year 4 – Emily**  
**Year 6 - Joseph**

**Gold Award**  
**Year 1 – Mars, Flynn**  
**Year 3 – Sophie**



**Stars of the Week**  
**Reception – Yusuf**  
**Year 1 - Lottie**  
**Year 2 – Sonny**  
**Year 3 – Gracie**  
**Year 4 – Francesca**  
**Year 5 – Whole Class**  
**Year 6 – Eli**



**TT Rockstar Award**  
**Year 3 – Oscar**  
**Year 4 - Izzy**  
**Year 5 – Davey**  
**Year 6 - Freddie**



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children Return to School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y4 Forest School begins
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 Target Games event
W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception – People who help us week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 SATs Meeting to Parents/Carers, 3.45pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Armistice Day Event
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Children in Need Pyjama Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly – 3pm Parents and carers invited to attend
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Non Uniform Day in exchange for bingo prizes
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y1 Phonics Presentation to Parents/Carers, 5pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y4 Trip to Eureka – More information to follow
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bingo Night
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Get Ahead Silent Disco – In school event for all years
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production – Morning and Afternoon performances
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties, all classes



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## Extra-Curricular Activities

Spaces are still available to book via Arbor

Day	Time	Activity	Key Stage
Monday	3.35-4.30	KS2 Dodgeball and Benchball	KS2
Tuesday	3.30-4.30	Football	Rec & KS1
Tuesday	3.35-4.15	Book Club	KS2
Thursday	3.30-4.15	Board Buddies	Rec & KS1
Thursday	3.35-4.15	SATs Club	Year 6

## Clarinet Lessons

There are currently spaces available for clarinet lessons in school. To book these for your child, or for more information please email:  
[charlottelishmanclarinet@gmail.com](mailto:charlottelishmanclarinet@gmail.com)

20 minute lessons are £8.50

## Attendance

**Our whole school attendance this week is 94.22%**

**Well done Year 1 for the highest attendance this week – 96.1%**

We are aiming to reach **97%**.

Please ensure that all general doctor and dentist appointments are booked outside the school day unless they are an emergency.