

### We have planned a very exciting half term in Year 3.

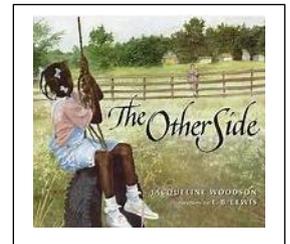
Our learning project this half term is called 'Lost and Found' and will be PHSE based. We will be focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of the children, teaching them the skills to adapt back to school life and be ready for learning again. The children will have lots of opportunities to talk about their experiences and feelings, this is our number one priority.

In English, we are going to be reading the book 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat. Through this book we will be reflecting on our experiences through lockdown and talking about feelings and emotions. We will be revisiting all our basic reading, oracy and writing skills particularly focusing on:

- Learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)
- Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command
- Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]
- Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)



To celebrate Black History month we will also be reading 'The Other Side' by Jacqueline Woodson and using this book to inspire our English work.



In Maths, we are going to be focusing on learning number and calculations strategies, place value and graphs.

In science, our learning will be about light and shadows. We will learn about why light is important, how dark is made, the danger of light and how shadows change.

#### READING TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNING:

Practise reading every night at home so your child can take an Accelerated Reader quiz and change their reading book. Ask them questions about what they are reading and explore new vocabulary.

Sign your child's reading record so they can move up on the reading chart and win a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win the book box to bring home .

In book talk we will be reading these books and exploring our feelings about lockdown through stories:



#### WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNING:

Sit with your child to complete their homework to a good standard.

Assist your child in learning their times tables for 2,3,4,5,8 and 10.

Take time to talk to your child each evening about what they have learnt in school.

Read daily with your child and sign their reading record.