

# Home Learning - Year 3

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# English

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Remember to include:

- ❑ Correct punctuation (full stops, capital letters, inverted commas, exclamation marks, question marks)
- ❑ Use the story setting (beginning, middle and end)
- ❑ Detail (expanded noun phrases, similes, metaphors)
- ❑ Time conjunctions (then, next, after)
- ❑ Various sentence starters (suddenly, whilst)
- ❑ Read it back and make sure it makes sense

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On the next slide you will see a picture. It is very unusual, but I wonder if you can finish the story that goes with it. I cannot wait to read what you have written.

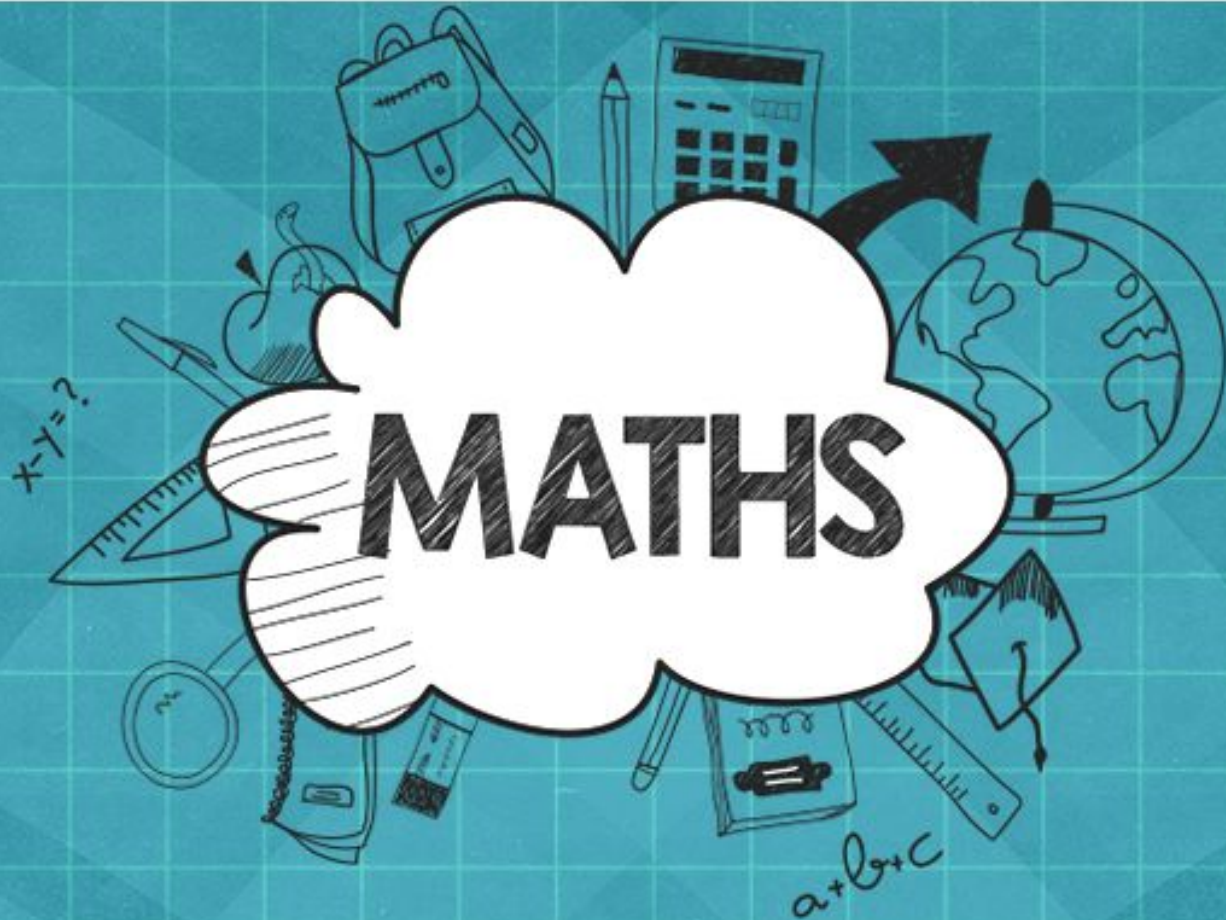


## **Story starter!**

It was the most exciting ride ever! Even better the highest, fastest rollercoaster!

The boy held on to the fish's tail with both hands as it rocketed through the water. Its scales felt slimy and slippery, yet his grip remained strong.

The warm water whipped against his cheeks as they raced along; the sand from the seabed tickling his toes. Where was the fish taking him? He couldn't wait to find out!



# TT Rockstars: Timed Individual Challenge





# Reading and Science

## Seeds and Weeds

### Decode/explain

Questions	Answers
1. Name something mentioned in this text, other than bees and other insects, that can move pollen around in the flower.	
2. In the first paragraph, what does the word 'reproduce' mean?	
3. What makes dandelion seeds good at floating in the air?	
4. What does 'germinate' mean in the final paragraph?	
<b>Thinking Deeply</b> In paragraph two the author has written the contracted word <b>they're</b> . Write the full words without the apostrophe and put it into a new sentence.	

### Retrieve

Questions	Answers
1. Name the world's largest weed.	
2. What is a good thing that nettles can be used for?	
3. Name another way mentioned in this text, apart from the wind, that seeds can be spread around to germinate in other places.	
4. How tall can the largest weed grow?	
5. What is another name for a dandelion 'clock'?	

## How Weeds Get Everywhere!

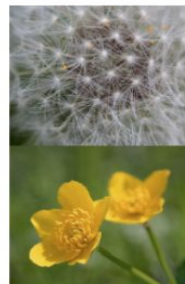
How come weeds get everywhere in our gardens? One minute your lawn can be lovely and green and the next minute it's covered - and I mean covered - in dandelions! Well, it's all to do with the clever way that plants reproduce and spread their seeds far and wide to keep their species alive.

### **Making the Seeds**

So, how do the plants make so many seeds?

Most plants are made up of some female and male plant parts. Bees and other insects are attracted to the flowers because of their lovely smells and colours. While they are at the flower, they help move pollen around to fertilise the plant. Sometimes even the wind can help with moving the pollen around to the right places.

Once the plant is fertilised, the seeds can grow. When this happens in a dandelion, the yellow flower turns into what we call a dandelion 'clock'. If you look closely at a dandelion clock (also called a 'seed head'), it is full of dark coloured seeds with light, feathery, white tops that look like umbrellas.



### **Fact File**

- A weed is only a plant that someone does not want in their garden. They can be very pretty!
- Nettles are used for making tea and medicines, so they are actually very useful.
- The world's largest weed is giant hogweed. It can grow up to 3.65m in height and have leaves that measure 91cm long.
- Some people think that if you hold a buttercup under your chin and the yellow reflects on your skin it means that you like butter.

### **Spreading the Seeds**

So, how do the seeds get everywhere?

This is the clever bit...

As we said before, dandelions make lots and lots of seeds. They all have feathery, white tops that look like umbrellas. This makes the seeds brilliant at floating and flying through the air. So, all they need is the wind to carry them near and far. Before you know it, there are hundreds of seeds all over your lawn, which are all ready to germinate and make yet more dandelions. Other flowers and plants also have other clever ways of spreading their seeds, including putting them inside tasty fruit so that animals eat them. Eventually, the seeds come out of the other end in their poo and start to germinate.