



Year 3 News



Lent 1
Half Term

Dear parents/ guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing Christmas. Thank you for the lovely cards and gifts we received. Please find below our learning for this half term.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

Multiplication and Division

- Multiples of 10
- Related calculations
- Multiplication written method
- Division written method

Length and Perimeter

- Measuring in mm, cm and m
- Equivalent lengths (m cm, cm mm)
- Comparing lengths, adding/ subtracting lengths
- Measuring and calculating perimeter

We continue to practice fluency, problem solving and reasoning in all of our maths lessons. We will also continue to work on our speed tables and arithmetic/ mental maths test to ensure quick recall.

English

Our writing begins with 'The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. The book uses the theme of recycling and explores the main characters wish to transform his home by cleaning up the rubbish. We will write persuasive posters, information leaflets, diary entries and setting descriptions.

In grammar we will be looking at improving our writing by using adverbs for time, place and cause and prepositions to express time, place and cause.

Our spelling will focus on the patterns: ei, eigh, ey, the sub prefix and our year 3/4 words.

Science

We will begin the term with our 'Fossils' unit. In this unit we will look at:

- Explore what fossils are
- Learn how fossils are formed

In our second unit, we will look at 'Soils'. In this unit we will look at:

- The importance of soil
- The properties of different types of soil
- Investigating different types of soil

RE

Our first topic will be on the theme 'Journeys' where we will be thinking about the seasons, celebrations and the Church Liturgical wheel. In our second topic 'Listening and sharing' we will reflect on the Liturgy of the Word, where Christians listen to the Word of God. We will also think about the Eucharist and how Jesus gave his body for us.

PSHE

We will begin by looking at the topic 'Being Safe' including road safety, basic first aid and acceptable/unacceptable physical contact. Our second topic is 'Being Healthy' where we will be looking at how to eat a balanced diet, and the benefit of healthy eating.

Geography

We will be learning 'All around the world' and looking at the significance of the equator and the northern and southern hemispheres. We will also be using longitude and latitude to locate places on a map and comparing climates according to which region countries are in.

Art/ D&T

In art we are learning about the artist Willie Bester and will be mixing colours to create a painted landscape. We will also be exploring using colour in the paint programme on a laptop to create landscapes.

Computing

In our 'Turtle Logo' unit, we will be using software to draw 2D shapes by using repeated algorithms. We will learn how to pen up/ down, change direction and repeat a function to simplify our algorithm.

Music

In music, we will be learning how to work as a group to perform songs with a focus on melody, pitch and tempo. We will work on group performances and how to represent a melody using a graphic score.

French

In French we will be focusing on the four seasons. We will be naming the four seasons, talking about the weather in each and activities we may do at that time of year.

PE

As well as swimming, they will have the PE coach teaching them on a Thursday. In the dance unit, we will move like 'machines with a partner, creating actions in unison. In the second part of the topic, we will take 'A trip..' using dance to show a location and choreographing our own dance.

Reminders:

Homework is set every Friday and is due in on or before the following Wednesday. This will be a piece of Maths **and** Literacy. We keep a note of children handing in their homework and any pupils who continually do not hand it in will be asked to stay in at break to complete it.

Spelling and times tables tests will take place on a Friday. Spellings for this half term have been sent home but are also below. Times tables tests are also below.

Key Learning sheets for maths, English, history/geography and science are available on class dojo and also on the school website. Please refer to these for children's learning this half term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us via dojo or on the playground after school. (Mrs Geary Mon-Wed, Mrs Bastock Wed-Fri)

Kind Regards,

Mrs Geary and Mrs Bastock

10/1	3s in order
17/1	3s out of order
24/1	3s out of order
31/1	4s in order
7/2	4s out of order
14/2	4s out of order
HALF TERM	

<p>10/01/25</p> <p>vein eight weigh neighbour eighty veil beige sleigh eighth weight</p>	<p>17/01/25</p> <p>they obey prey whey survey convey disobey purvey reindeer eighteen</p>	<p>24/01/25</p> <p>subdivide subheading submarine submerge subtitle subordinate subway submit subject subscribe</p>
<p>31/02/25</p> <p>subtotal substitute subjected subscription subordinating submerse subtitled subjecting subhuman subconscious</p>	<p>7/02/25</p> <p>fruit grammar group guard guide heard heart height history imagine</p>	<p>14/02/25</p> <p>increase important interest island knowledge learn length library material medicine</p>