



# 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

- 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

### Fractions

- Understand the denominators of unit fractions
- Compare and order fractions
- Understand the numerator of non-unit fractions
- Understand fractions on a scale and numberline

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 'Soils' unit. In this unit we will look at:

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

We will start our 'light topic' by looking at:

- Sources of light - artificial and natural
- The sun - how dangerous can it be?

## RE

Our topic takes us on a journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. We will look at the Visit of the Magi at Epiphany, miracles which cured people and a range of parables in the Bible - specifically in Matthew's Gospel.

## PSHE

In our topic 'Being Safe' we will look at road safety, basic first aid including how and when to call 999 and acceptable/unacceptable physical contact using the 'pants' rule.

## 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.

**Reading Incentive** will continue and reading records will be checked on a Tuesday morning. A reminder that it needs to be 3 reads to an adult (older sibling/ grandparent etc), not just your child reading to themselves. This is so that they can be questioned and any mispronunciations can be picked up. Reads to an adult in school do not count towards the incentive.

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

9/1	3s in order
16/1	3s out of order
23/1	3s out of order
30/1	4s in order
6/2	4s out of order
13/2	4s out of order

9/1 vein eight weigh neighbour eighty veil beige sleigh eighth weight	16/1 they obey prey whey survey convey disobey purvey reindeer eighteen	23/1 subdivide subheading submarine submerge subtitle subordinate subway submit subject subscribe
30/1 subtotal substitute subjected subscription subordinating submerge subtitled subjecting subhuman subconscious	6/2 fruit grammar group guard guide heard heart height history imagine	13/2 increase important interest island knowledge learn length library material medicine