



Year 3 News



Lent 2
Half Term

Dear parents/ guardians,
Welcome back to a busy half term. Here is an overview of our learning for this half term.

Maths

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

Fractions:

- Fractions on a number line
- Equivalent Fractions

Measures:

- Using scales for measurements
- Measure mass in grams and kilograms
- Comparing, adding and subtracting mass
- Measuring capacity and volume in millilitres and litres

We will be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to focus on mastery of the year 3 curriculum. We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables.

English

Our new book is 'Escape from Pompeii' linked to our Extreme Earth topic. We will be writing setting descriptions, diaries and letters in role before finishing with a newspaper recount that reports on the eruption using 'quotes' from survivors.

In grammar, we will be learning the rules for writing direct speech and how to use tenses correctly (present perfect tense) We will then be looking at how we use different types of nouns.

Our spelling will focus on the patterns: 'ou', 'dis, mis' and the 4th column of the year 3/4 words.

Science

We will be continuing the topic of 'light'.

- How we see
- Shadows (including an investigation)
- Opaque/ translucent/ transparent

PE

As well as swimming, the children will have the PE coach teaching them Yoga to develop strength, flexibility and balance.

RE

In RE, our topic 'Desert to Garden' will focus on more of Jesus' miracles including the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We will revisit The Last Supper, how it links to the Eucharist and then the events of Holy Week. Our big question is: How can we live in communion? Focusing on our relationship with God but also with others in our community.

PSHE

In drug education, we will look at safe/ harmful medicine and the consequences of different drugs on the body. Finally, we will look rights and responsibilities and the importance of following the law.

Geography

In geography, we will be looking at the topic of 'Extreme Earth'. We will be looking at 4 key areas: Volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes. We will find out how they occur/ are formed and the dangers involved with these extreme weather events.

Art/ D&T

We will be looking at electrical systems in design and technology. We will look at simple circuits and switches and design, make and evaluate a torch to use for reading at night.

Computing

In our 'Word Processing' unit, we will be improving our typing skills by learning to use various features for formatting text. We will be using 'screen shots' and 'snipping tool' to evidence our work. We will begin to work on keyboard shortcuts to speed up our typing.

Music

We will be playing recorders in music this half term. We will be playing and performing in small groups and creating our own graphic scores.

French

Bonjour! In French we will be looking at how to name 10 fruits in French, attempt to spell some of them and ask somebody what fruits they like/ dislike.

Homework is set every Friday and will be due in on or before the following Wednesday. This will be a piece of **Maths and Literacy** or a 'creative' or topic-based piece set in place of the literacy homework.

We will continue to implement our reading incentive on a Tuesday, checking pupils have read at least 3 times to an adult/ older sibling at home. Please ensure that an adult is signing the reads, not just writing the pages read. If it is not signed clearly by an adult, then it will not be highlighted. It is important that not only are you listening to you child read but also questioning them on what they have read. This will have a massive impact on their reading confidence.

Spelling and times tables tests will take place on a Friday. This half term's spellings have been sent home and below is a further copy.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via dojo or on the playground after school.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Geary and Mrs Bastock

<p>27/2 young touch double trouble country couple country flourish enough encourage</p>	<p>6/3 cousin nourish courage tough rough blood done dozen love group</p>	<p>13/3 disobey discolour disappoint disagree disappear dishonest disallow disbelief disapprove discontinue</p>
<p>20/3 misspell mislead mistreat misbehave mistrust misprint misuse misplace misheard misread</p>	<p>27/3 mention minute natural naughty notice occasionally often opposite ordinary particular</p>	<p>peculiar perhaps popular position possession possible potatoes pressure probably promise</p>

Date	Times Table to be tested
27/2	Mix of 3s and 4s
6/3	Mix of 3s and 4s - division
13/3	8s in order
20/3	8s out of order
27/3	8s out of order