

Year 3 - Week Commencing 23rd October 2017

Maths

This week we will be focusing on the column method for subtraction in both two and three digit numbers. If anyone is unsure of the method that is now expected (so you can support at home) then I am more than happy to spend ten minutes going through it for addition and subtraction ☺ Methods and vocabulary has changed since we were at school! Once I feel the children are secure in both methods, for addition and subtraction, they will be applying to: worded problems, one step equations and inverse operations.

English

The children have been exploring a plethora of biographies this week, they have loved learning about inventors! Ask them about Alexander Graham Bell...their fact recall has blown me away! Our grammar focus has been subordinating clauses - again, ask the children about these and examples of subordinating conjunctions. Guided Reading sessions this week will take the form of reading comprehension where the children will be given biographies (from their reading level) to interpret and answer questions on. This thread within their reading will bring the features of biographies to the front of their minds, preparing them to box up and write a biography about J.J Thomson this week.

Theme

This week we will be finishing our theme, 'There's no place like home'. In History, we will be watching and recounting our interview, in writing, with the Whipps. In Geography, we will be writing up our Fieldwork of Barnoldswick through Time based on our local walk last week. We will be finishing our RE unit with the last thread of questioning in our grid around 'The Church' - What is a bad role model and who should I not follow? In Computing, the children have completed their 'Barnoldswick through Time' PowerPoints and are ready to present them to the class. Following this, they will be writing evaluations of their efforts.

Extras (Remember we finish on Thursday this week)

- **Year 3 Staff** are: **Miss Lauren Johnston** (Teacher), **Mrs Amanda Tarn** (HLTA) & **Mrs Paulette Hylands** (TA - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings).
- **French** will be missed this week due to our early finish on Thursday. **PE** will also be missed this week as the timetable is super busy with STEM activities. Long hair should be tied back and earrings/other jewellery should not be worn - **if earrings cannot be removed, please send plasters to school. Next half term, our PE sessions (2) will be on Mondays (Swimming please ref: individual info. letter) and Thursdays.**
- **Snack Time** - Just a reminder to send something for your child's snack each day if they are not purchasing anything from the hatch.
- My **PPA** time will be on **Wednesday afternoon** this week. Mrs Tarn will be teaching the class.
- Homework diaries will be updated on Fridays, by the children, with their spellings and times tables for the week.
- Each week there will be some opportunities for the children to further their learning (e.g. Active Learn, TT Rockstars, worksheets etc.) - login details are stuck in on the inside of the children's homework diaries☺. A homework opportunities sheet also went home last week, have a look ☺
- We will be encouraging the children to share their learning and progress with someone at home therefore we kindly ask that **a parent/guardian signs each week's homework diary entry with their initials** - this is something we will be checking with the children in our efforts to encourage them to continue to make super progress and develop their understanding of the curriculum at home and in the community. Spellings/Times Tables check scores will be written in on Fridays so everyone can keep track on how they are doing☺.

HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM! Miss J xx