

Year 3 - Week Commencing 8th January 2018

Maths

This week we will be revisiting multiplication and exploring written methods. It was clear before Christmas that the children needed lots of practical experience of what multiplication actually means and how to represent it in different ways. Sometimes units within maths require the children to fully understand the concrete concept of an objective before the written method. This way, they are developing their ability to apply prior knowledge to problem solving styles questions.

English

This week the children will be completing a Writing Across the Curriculum piece incorporating their previous unit on Fables with a scientific thread - healthy living. Last half term the children received a mission letter from Agent NHS ;) We were set the task of writing a persuasive letter to unhealthy schools in the county as he had heard about our unit on Persuasive writing. This week we will be continuing our focus on persuasive language, point and evidence writing and the use of rhetorical questions to engage the audience. From this, we will plan and write our letters.

Theme

This half term our theme is 'Rock and Roll'. In Science, we shall be looking at famous rocks in the world and what they are made of. In RE our topic of Christianity will continue by exploring the meaning of salvation and how Jesus offers it. In Geography, the children will be introduced to the formation of volcanoes and the occurrence of earthquakes. In Art, we will be observing photographs of fossils and making detailed sketches using pencils and charcoal. In History, we shall be starting our unit by comparing maps of Britain during the Ice Age and today, plotting areas of Ice cover and discussing the effect on the landscape and living things.

Extras

- **Year 3 Staff** are: **Miss Lauren Johnston** (Teacher), **Mrs Amanda Tarn** (HLTA) & **Mrs Paulette Hylands** (TA - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings and Friday).
- **French** will be on Fridays. **PE** will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Long hair should be tied back and earrings/other jewellery should not be worn - **if earrings cannot be removed, please send plasters to school.**
- **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 **Tuesday 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 are 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☺.
- 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 ☺.