

Year 3 - Week Commencing 3rd December 2018

Maths

This week we will be looking at written and mental calculation. This will involve writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods. The children will learn how to select a mental strategy appropriate for the numbers involved in the calculation.

We will then build on the power of estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.

English

We had so much fun last week, creating story maps and performing The Lion and the Mouse using storytelling techniques. Each group performed their fable in front of the class. The children will be finishing off their own Fables this week and will have the opportunity to look at their learning partner's piece of work so they can help them improve on their writing. If you enjoy reading with your children at home then please pick up a fable. Ask your child about the features (short folk tale, animals are the main character), what is a moral? What is the lesson to be learnt from this fable? Through this shared reading, when it comes to gathering content and innovating their own fable, your child will have the structure of a fable at the forefront of their mind and will publish a well-structured and sequenced piece of writing when they come to completing an independent piece early next week.

Theme

This week in PE we will continue to work together as a team, building on skills that rely on trust and co-operation. In D&T, we shall be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and will be designing a healthy picnic. In RE, we will continue to look at the Christian faith by discussing Advent, what it is and why it is important to Christians.

Extras

- **Year 3 Staff** are: **Miss Helen Palmer** (Teacher), **Mrs Sarah Morgan** (HLTA) & **Mrs Steph Darcy** (TA - Monday to Thursday).
- **French** will be on Tuesdays. **PE** will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. 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 **Thursday morning** this week. Mrs Morgan will be teaching the class.
- Homework diaries will be updated on Monday's, 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 Mondays so everyone can keep track on how they are doing ☺.

I look forward to seeing you on Parents Day.

Miss P ☺