



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Year 3 after what we hope has been a restful half term break. I hope your children are refreshed and ready to start Term 2.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

We will start the term by focusing on persuasive writing, looking at the language used in advertising and letters and how this can sway the decisions that people make. The children will then be studying a range of information texts about frogs and toads.

Mathematics

The children will be using different strategies to multiply and divide. They will have the opportunity to use and apply these skills to solve word problems. We will also be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. This will include identifying right angles and recognizing acute and obtuse angles. Towards the end of the term, we will be using fractions to describe a part of a whole, and identify equivalent fractions. They will identify pairs of fractions that total 1, and also find fractions of numbers, quantities or shapes (e.g. 1/5 of 30 plums).

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is 'Materials and their uses'. The children will be exploring a range of materials and identifying their properties. They will be experimenting with different materials, and discussing those fit for different purposes, and why other materials are not suitable, for example Wellington boots made of paper.

Place and Time

This term we will be studying navigation. We will look at how to use maps and compasses, including making one of our own. The children will take part in orienteering around the school, using and applying their new skills. We will also use Google Earth to discover different places and Google Maps to generate directions.

Physical and Emotional Health (PE)

This term the children will be working on balance and acceleration to improve their reaction and response and on developing ball skills in rugby. We will also be continuing with Dance this term.

Arts and Creativity

This term the children will be creating art work surrounding the theme of firework night and winter scenes using different mediums such as pastels and water colours. Music this term will be focusing on singing and performance skills in preparation for our key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service.

Citizenship and Ethics

Children will be thinking about responsibilities which can be taken on by themselves and by others. We will be looking at taking responsibility for property, helping out at home and looking after each other.

Faith and Belief

This term's topic is Christmas. The children will learn about what Christmas means about Jesus and the Christmas story, evaluate the different aspects of Christmas, and explore the question of whether Christmas has lost its true meaning.

Homework

The children will receive Maths homework on a Tuesday, which is due in to be marked the following Tuesday. They will also receive a Reading Comprehension and new spellings on a Friday. The Reading Comprehension homework will be due in the following Friday, when the children will also be tested on their spellings.

You may find some of these websites useful to help the children at home:-

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/

Yours faithfully

Mrs Garland and Miss Mill