



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 add, subtract, multiply and divide. They will have the opportunity to use and apply these skills to solve word problems. This will include identifying right angles and recognising 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. $\frac{1}{5}$ of 30 plums).

Science and Technology

Our topic this term is 'Impact of plastic on the world'. The children will be exploring how plastic can be useful, yet harmful to the environment. They will learn about recycling and how it isn't necessarily the best option. Children will be encouraged to think about how they can reduce their own plastic usage.

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 developing ball skills in football. We will also be continuing with gymnastics this term.

Arts and Creativity

This term the children will be creating art work surrounding the theme of plastic, using sketching techniques.

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 Christians believe about Jesus and the Christmas story, evaluate the different aspects of Christmas, and explore the true meaning and messages of Christmas.

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 Monday. Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday.

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 Mrs Edwards