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Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 3 we have been...

creating our own flip books about the ocean in Science week.



Author Mini Grey came to visit us to talk about how she creates her wonderful picture books and we created our own character!



English

In English we will be using Fantastic Mr Fox as inspiration for writing a Narrative Character Description. We will be using interesting adjectives and verbs to describe character appearance and character. Later we will be reading *The Prince, the Cook and the Cunning King*, a Tudor story. This will inspire our persuasive letter writing. In Whole Class Reading we will be exploring the characters in Fantastic Mr Fox, the key events in the story and developing our inference skills. We will also be working on our fluency and expression through choral and echo reading.

How can I help at home?

By reading other Roald Dahl stories at home to allow your child to make connections between the text we are reading in school and other stories he has written.

Maths

In this half term we will be building on our knowledge of fractions as we learn to add and subtract them. We will also study money and time. In the money topic we will be converting between pounds and pence, adding and subtracting and giving change. During our lessons on time we will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute on digital and analogue clocks.

How can I help at home?

Play shop at home with any items you have around the house, make sure you get the correct change! If you don't have any coins you could make your own by using paper or card, this would also help with recognition.

Practise telling the time throughout the day, what time do you leave for school? When is bedtime?

Science

In Science we will be moving onto our topic of plants. We will be making observations of plants in different conditions to help us to identify the best conditions for plants to grow. We will also be learning the scientific names of the different parts of plants and using this vocabulary to describe the changes we can see.

How can I help at home?

When out in the sunshine, encourage your child to use their new vocabulary to describe the plants they can see.



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PSHE

We will be continuing our unit on being healthy, learning what the emergency services do, discussing what is safe and unsafe and respecting our bodies and how important it is to look after it. Following this, we will be discussing relationships, considering our roles in society and how to keep safe online.

How can I help at home?

Discuss with children their understanding of safe and unsafe and what responsibilities they have in the communities they are a part of.

History

We will be starting a new topic on the Tudors, focusing on Henry VIII, how he came to power, his relationships and life in the Tudor period.

How can I help at home?

Research life in the Tudor period using books from the library or by visiting sites on the internet such as <https://superbrainybeans.com/history/tudors/>

Computing

In Computing, we will be creating our own comics using a comic creation website called Make Beliefs Comix. We will follow this by making various 3D designs learning to use lines and fill tools, shapes, stamps and layers.

How can I help at home? Revisit our skills from this half term, practising skills using Microsoft Word such as copying and pasting text, inserting images and saving and then accessing files. Touch typing skills will also be a good area of practise, the BBC game Dance Mat Typing is a good program to practise with.

RE

We will be learning about the way that life is a journey, sacred places, and the milestones that are considered important if you are Christian, Jewish or Hindu. We will also be discussing non-religious celebrations and comparing them with religious celebrations.

PE

In our lessons with our specialist teacher, we will be doing athletics, preparing for Sports Day in the summer term. In our other PE lessons we will be applying our ball skills from Badminton to Tennis and learning the rules of the game.

Performing Arts

Turtles class will be with Mr Serino continuing their singing, focussing on diction and song structures. Sharks class will be with Miss Green, continuing using the Glockenspiels but this time focussing on composition. Orcas get the opportunity to have Dance with Mr Skeel where they will be learning how to replicate taught dance movement through a variety of different music, in addition to creating dance themselves through a range of techniques.

Art

In Art we will be looking at sculpture and 3D shapes. We will start by creating 3D shapes from 2D shapes, before progressing to look at how to join materials in different ways when working in 3D. We will then develop our ideas to work in 3D to create our own piece of artwork.

French

This half term pupils will be learning fruits and some other foods and reading the Hungry Caterpillar story in French.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Training day

17 April

May Bank Holiday

1 May

Coronation Bank Holiday

8 May

Class photos

9 May

Half term

29 May - 2 June

Sharing Our Learning

We have launched new social media channels to help share the fantastic learning that is going on in our year group.

We'd love you to follow us and see what we've been up to:

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)