Year 3

Spring Term 2018

Topic

This term we will be focusing on Geography and Art skills. As **geographers** we will be looking at the physical and human features of our local area and comparing these to those in London, thinking about why people relocate the London.

As artists we will be focussing on painting skills. We will use water colours to recreate the work of Paul Klee and then progress to painting town/city scenes



Maths

This term in maths we will focus on:

Statistics

- Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
- Answer a range of questions such as how many more, which was the most popular.

Fractions

- Recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: such as ¹/₃ of 12 = or ³/₅ of 15 =
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole, for example ³/₅ + ¹/₅ = ⁴/₅
- Compare and order fractions
- Begin to understand equivalent fractions such as $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$
- We ask that children practice their times tables regularly at home, the children should know which ones they are focussing on. The children need to be fluent with their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- Reading is really important so please try and listen to your child read at least three times a week, this does not have to be a whole book, just 5 minutes or a few pages each time.
- PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday, however I recommend that children please bring their PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. PE kit is: plain blue/black shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.
- Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to keep up-to-date with the things we have been doing! Find us at @EPA_LeopardsY3

Literacy

We will be beginning the term looking at the novel, 'The Mystery at Big Ben' by Carole Marsh.

This terms writing focus will be to:

- Use a range of different conjunctions and language to form a balanced argument within a discussion text.
- Using and punctuating direct speech.
- Understand and use the key features of a newspaper report such as catching headline and a powerful leading paragraph to answer who, what, where, when and how.

This terms spellings focus will be

- continuing to learn common exception words
- Suffixes (s, es, er, ed, ing)
- Prefixes (anti, super)
- Apostrophes for possession

This terms reading focus will be

- to continue to develop positive attitudes to reading by listening to and discussing a range of fiction and non-fiction.
- Discuss words and phrases that capture our interest and imagination as a reader
- Draw inferences and begin to justify these inferences with evidence
- Identify different structures within texts