



## Monkton CEP School



### Ladybird Class

### Newsletter

## Term 1 - Heroes and Villains

*'Every child is special'*

### English

In English, we will begin the term exploring the character of Cruella De Vil in 101 Dalmatians, which is also our core text for Term 1. Followed by writing conversations between Bonnie and Clyde, which we will then use to write a short story- The Bank Robbery. Moving on, we will briefly learn about riddles, writing superhero and villain riddles for others to guess. Finally, we will move onto fairy tales, before exploring comic strips.

### General

Welcome to Class 3, Ladybird class and the start of a new school year. We would like to welcome back Year 3 and Carmen, Hope and Oliver to their new class and school. Our topic this term is all about Heroes and Villains, where we explore classic villains such as Cruella De Vil and Bonnie and Clyde, whilst finding out about the acts of both fictional and real heroes, such as Neil Armstrong or Martin Luther King.

### Science

Our topic in science is Plants, learning about separate parts, their purposes, and the conditions needed for plant growth. We will be developing our skills, learning how to work scientifically, carrying out accurate observations, then recording and presenting data.

### ICT

The first priority at the start of term will be to make sure every child understands how to stay safe when using any technology on line. We will then learn about reliable search engines and how to use them effectively for research.

### Maths

Times tables will be a focus throughout this year and time will be spent in class securely learning each time table so that children will know them in the correct order, mixed up and the in the inverse. The first term will focus on developing our understanding of number and place value, moving onto methods for addition and subtraction later in Term 1.

### RE

In Term 1 we will be learning about Christianity, specifically the Creation and Fall, exploring the key question- What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

### PE

The children will work with Team Theme on a Tuesday afternoon, playing rugby.

## Foundation subjects

**History-** Researching historical heroes

**Geography-** Locational knowledge- being able to identify and label maps of the UK- countries, capital cities, seas and rivers- linked to the origins of fairy tales

**Art-** Paper Mache dalmatian puppies; sketching heroes/heroines, then making clay busts; designing fairy tale characters, then exploring watercolours

**Design Technology-** Simple flip books- puppies

**French -** 'Moi'- all about me

**Music -** Theme tunes of heroes and villains; writing our own lyrics to tell the story of a hero or heroine

**PSHE-** A celebration of we are all different; what is discrimination; how to be kind and considerate; families of all shapes and sizes

## Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
Stem	hero/heroine	addition	adjectives
Roots	villains	subtraction	noun
Leaves	villainous	equals	verb
Flowers	symbols	rounding	riddle
Growth	comparison	nearest	dialogue

## Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy66fg8>- Plants

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/uk/newsid\\_2839000/2839355.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/uk/newsid_2839000/2839355.stm)- Historical heroes

<https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

## Special days/ Come join us

- Dates for diaries: PE is on a Tuesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September- Roald Dahl Day- welcome to come in dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour- yellow
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> September- Planetarium visit
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> September- Individual and Family Group Photos
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Inspired through Sport- visiting Paralympian/ Olympian
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October- Black History Week
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Parents/carers welcome to join us in Class 3 @ 2:40pm to celebrate and share in our hard work for our topic- Heroes and Villains
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October- end of term