



This week in Year 3...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have completed some lovely poems about the sky and used watercolours to create an appropriate background for them. This has been part of our topic work based on the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and they are very much enjoying reading it page by page and engaging with the various activities we have done.

Homework:

Homework is being set online and starts this week. I will set it on Fridays to be completed by the following Friday.

- Spelling: a list of the weekly spelling words and the appropriate Star (colour coded) spelling list is in their book bags today.
- Maths: this week please focus on using TT Rockstars for at least 20 minutes. It is best done in short bursts on several days to maximise long term memory. There is no other maths work expected this week to allow children some 'settling in to homework' time, but there are some maths games on Abacus related to our learning so far this term if they would like to play them.
- Reading: children should be reading for at least 15 minutes each day. Your child has been given up to 3 books, depending on length, and these must be returned on Thursday morning to allow time for quarantining. A sheet of how to help your child appropriate for their reading level has also been sent home.

This week we will be learning:

English: We have focussed so far on identifying key features of instruction writing and we are going to continue to work on writing commands using imperative verbs, time connective words such as firstly, next and finally. We will be practising writing instructions for a variety of tasks. We will also look at how to edit our work and will be making sure we have remembered the basic punctuation such as capital letters and full stops.

Maths:

We will continue to work on revising the understanding of place value (tens and ones columns) and number facts in mental addition and subtraction.

In other subjects:

We will start learning some French this week beginning with appropriate greetings. We will start our science topic of light and continue to work on the 'Here we are' book for the last 3 sessions. In Art we will learn some more shading techniques and try to put them into practice.

Other information:

We will begin our music sessions with Josef Murray from Berkshire Maestros on Thursday, who taught Brass here last year. As playing brass instruments is currently not allowed due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be doing some musicianship lessons which will help us when we hopefully get to play our brass instruments later in the year.

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