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## Class News Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Year 3

**Maths** – we are focussing on 3D shapes this week. We will be sorting them using their different properties such as curved faces, number of vertices, faces and edges.

**English** – We are busy re-telling the story of Daedalus and Icarus. We have been learning how to use paragraphs to organise our ideas, and we are trying to include sentences with subordinate clauses and some correctly punctuated direct speech. I am looking forward to hearing the legends that the children have chosen later in the week.

We have been reading **Skeleton Keys: The Unimaginary Friend** by Guy Bass in class. Fans might like to know that he has written a second Skeleton Keys book.

We are about to read **Icarus was ridiculous** by Pamela Butchart. It gives a different perspective on this famous legend!

**Spellings** – the spelling this week is focussed on our star spelling colour words. If your child knows the word they will bring the next level home with them.

**Foundation subjects** – In science we will be completing our work on Light with a final investigation into shadows and also a look at sun safety. In RE we will complete our topic about joining the Sikh Faith. In PE we will complete the Windsor Sports Partnership challenge; we really enjoyed the first two challenges that we did last week. We will then submit our scores to the virtual challenge. We will also be creating an e-book about the rainforest animals that we have researched. We will be discussing deforestation. In art we are looking at creating tones of a single colour and relating it to a particular artist; this week it is Picasso and his blue period.

### Homework

Spellings are the ones listed as week 7 and will be tested on Friday.

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Reading: Reading books will be sent home on Mondays and must be returned each Thursday unless they haven't finished them and want to keep them for a further week. If you are short of things to read I have set some books for every child on the Abacus website. There are quizzes to do alongside the books too.

TTRockstars: 18 children completed the 20 games this week and earned themselves a golden point, one or two children went way beyond, completing around 100 games and earned a second point. Well done!

Please complete the second half of last week's worksheet which is about 3D shapes.

All children could do with further help at home on reading the time from an analogue clock, writing the time in words and converting digital and analogue times. There are some games on this website that might help:

<http://www.snappymaths.com/other/measuring/time/time.htm>

### **English homework – retell a legend.**

The children need to prepare a short re-telling of a Greek or Roman legend. They should look one up (please do not use Daedalus and Icarus as we will be using it in class) and read it a few times to become familiar with it. They need to work out what the important characters and events are.

They will be asked to re-tell this legend to the class in the last couple of days before half term. They should practise re-telling the story's main events. They can have brief notes with them (which they should have written themselves) to remind them of the story and can bring props or pictures but they must not read the story word for word from a piece of paper or book. It does not need to be very long and I understand they may be nervous – I will be right next to them and will help them along. I will introduce this to them on Monday as we ran out of time with our Mondrian inspired painting to discuss it this afternoon, but you can start work on it now if you like. It should be ready for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

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