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Class News Monday 16th November 2020

Year 3

Maths – we will continue to work on fractions this week. We will be finding unit fractions and non-unit fractions of small numbers.

English – We are continuing to practise writing letters and will write a persuasive letter this week. We are then going to take part in an initiative organised by the Times Educational Supplement called Classrooms to Care Homes. This is aimed at alleviating some of the isolation and loneliness found in our care homes at the moment due to the Covid restrictions through children writing Christmas themed letters to the residents of care homes. If they would like to include a Christmas joke or poem then they could look some up over the next few days and bring them in towards the end of the week. We will be posting them to one or two local care homes at the beginning of December. I have made contact with a couple of local homes to see if they are happy to take part, but if anyone has a request for a particular home, perhaps where you know a resident, then do let me know as soon as possible.

Spellings – the spelling this week is focussed on words which have an apostrophe to mark missing letters.

Foundation subjects – In science we are continuing to investigate different forces. In RE we are continuing to look at the meaning of Christmas for Christians. Our PE lessons are being provided by Mr Hawkes on Fridays and the Windsor Sports Partnership on Tuesday in a Dance session and Wednesday in the classroom looking at Healthy Minds. We are looking at the importance of the River Nile in History.

Homework

Spellings: this week the spellings are all practising adding the prefix –re. They 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: please complete at least the 20 Garage games on the TTRockstars website.

Maths: This week there are two worksheets on the school website. One is to practise identifying non-unit fractions and the other is to find unit fractions of small numbers. Please don't attempt this one until at least Tuesday evening as they will not have had a go at it in class. There is also a game they may like to play here:

<http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/fractions/interactive/multishapes/multishapes.htm>

Design Technology Lessons

We are going to have a DT day on Monday November 16th and attempt to do the whole pneumatic model project in a day. We will be planning and designing it, making the model and evaluating it before taking it home at the end of the day.

The children will need a selection of small junk modelling cardboard boxes such as toothpaste boxes, Oxo boxes, boxes from cereal bars etc. **but only if they did not contain nuts** and perhaps one or two slightly larger boxes such as a small cereal or shoe box.

Art aprons – thank you to those who have brought some protective clothing in. Please provide your child with a named art apron to protect their clothing when we get out the paints, pastels and glue. It could be an old, large shirt or T-shirt of Mum's or Dad's which can be worn back to front or an apron which ties at the back. Many thanks.

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Pencil cases:

There are quite a few pencil cases in need of a little re-stock please. Mostly we are short of black whiteboard markers, pencils that are long enough to write with and glue, with some missing scissors too. Glue is £1 and whiteboard pens 50p in the Office if you wish to send in some money with your child.

Pencil grips:

Here is a link (other retailers are available!) to some pencil grips designed to promote the tripod grip and to relax the hand to make writing more comfortable. Some children are currently using some of my small stock to try them out and have enjoyed using them.

<https://www.sensorydirect.com/classic-pencil-grips-pack-of-5>

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B000WEO5SC/ref=dp_prsubs_1

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