

Compassion Trust Wisdom Fellowship Friendship Peace

# Class News Monday 10th January 2022

### Year 3

- We are currently reading 'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd.
- Our Monday PE sessions with the Windsor Sports Partnership will be outside unless very wet so please make sure children have navy tracksuit bottoms and tops to keep them warm.
- With windows open to ensure good ventilation, it has been a little cooler in the
  classroom this week. Please make sure that your child is wearing a layer under their
  school shirt such as a t shirt or thermal layer and they can also wear the red school fleece
  over their normal school jumper or cardigan.

**Maths** – In Maths this week we are looking at money. We will start with recognising coins and adding amounts of money before moving on to finding change using Maths Frog to help us count up.

**English** – We are beginning a unit on writing adventure stories and we will be using our class reading book, 'The boy who grew dragons' as well as other examples to inspire us. We will look at describing characters and settings this week and our grammar focus will be writing complex sentences using subordinate clauses.

**Spellings** - This week the spelling patterns that we will look at are:

- Adding suffixes '-ing', '-ed', 'er' and '-est' to words ending in 'y'
- Star colour spellings were given out at the end of last term and will be tested in the week beginning 17/1/2022.

**Foundation** – In History we will look at the process of mummification. In RE we will start a new unit about Jesus' miracles. In Art we will be starting a unit on collage and will explore different artists who have used this medium to create their pictures. In PSHE we are starting the next unit which is about setting goals. We are looking at magnets and what materials are magnetic in Science. We will also look at how magnets work and what they are used for.

#### Homework

**Spellings**: spellings are in the red folder and will come home on Friday. They are tested on the following Friday. These are the weekly spellings based on common patterns found in words.



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#### Times tables:

20 minutes of TTRockstars is the minimum number of games that should be played each week. The session runs from 8.30am on Friday mornings to the following Friday morning. Your child may also be given a sheet of tables or other work to complete. Do let me know if you are having trouble logging in.

The 'Hit-the-button' website is a great place to practise number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 – these are key facts for children to have a fast and accurate recall of. Doubling and halving and times tables can also be practised on this site.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

## Reading:

Reading a variety of genres is very important and we are encouraging them to select from both fiction and non-fiction sections of their book band. When they move up a level, an advice sheet on how to help your child is sent home. It helps their comprehension if you can talk with them about what they are reading. Questions about what they think will happen next or why a character feels like this are good places to start. Children should be encouraged to give a reason (based on what they have read in the text) to support their opinion.

Bug Club is available via the Activelearn login. If you run out of books to read I can add some to your child's account. There are comprehension quizzes attached to the books by clicking on the symbols on the page of the book.

Do get in touch via my email or the Office if I can be of further help.

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