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Class News Monday 17th January 2022

Year 3

- We are currently reading 'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd.
- Trombone lessons have started again, so please bring the trombones on Thursday mornings. The lesson starts at 9am so there isn't much time to go and get them if they are forgotten.
- 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.

Maths – In Maths this week we are revising place value and rounding, mental strategies for adding and subtracting and multiplying and dividing by 10.

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 continue to look at describing characters and settings and writing interesting sentences based on our learning about complex sentences using subordinate clauses last week. If your child is writing at home, please help them to focus on starting every sentence with a capital letter, using capital letters for names and finishing a sentence with a full stop. Sentences should not be too long. We have discussed that they should have one conjunction such as and/because/then and must make sense. We try to plan and rehearse a sentence and then write it and read it aloud, before going on to the next sentence.

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

- The sound/u/ spelt 'o'
- The sound spelt 'or' after 'w'
- 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 daily life in Ancient Egypt. In RE we will look at what a miracle is and the story of Jesus healing a blind man. 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

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are looking at challenges and setting goals. We are looking at magnets in Science and how they are used.

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. Next week we will test the latest list of colour spelling words.

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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