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## Class News Monday 22nd November 2021

### Year 3

We are currently reading **Me and Mister P** by Maria Ferrer.

**DT project.** We will be making a model of an animal with a moving part using a pneumatic system. Please could your child collect a few cardboard packets to help create the animal. They are likely to need one larger box (such as a small cereal packet) and some smaller ones, eg jaffa cake/cheese biscuit/stock cube/toothpaste/kitchen roll tube (no loo roll inners though please). Please bring them in on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Maths** – In Maths this week we will use our work on subtraction using a number line from last week to solve problems. I added a video on Abacus so that you can see how we do this – we do not do column subtraction in Year 3 because at this stage the curriculum is mostly about trying to build very secure mental maths techniques. The video shows a frog jumping up a number line using known facts to help – number bonds to 10 and multiples of 10. He always starts at the small number and jumps to the next multiple of 10. As the children become more confident, some will be able to take fewer, bigger jumps to work out the answer more efficiently.

**English** – We will be writing a final letter this week to make sure that we are confident in setting a letter out, using paragraphs to structure our arguments and can use appropriate greetings and endings.

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

- Adding suffixes '-less' and '-ly'

**Foundation** – Trombone lessons will continue on Thursday and Mr Manners will join us for a singing session on Monday afternoon. He is helping us prepare for the KS2 Carols on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. We will be looking at Egyptian artefacts and asking questions about them and thinking about what they might be for in our History lesson. In PE we will be swimming on Wednesday, Mr Hawkes will teach us on Fridays and we will also have a session provided by the Windsor Sports Partnership about Healthy Minds on Wednesday afternoon. In RE we will be starting a new topic focussing on Christianity and Christmas. In Science we will be moving onto a

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new topic of Forces and Magnets. In our DT lesson we will be learning about pneumatic systems and making things move. We will be designing and make our own moving model.

### **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.

Phonic sound revision: this week we are revising the sounds e-e. This is a split digraph and is found in words like even, complete and theme.

### **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>

Some children will also find worksheets to practise work we have done during the week in their homework folders.

### **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.

There is a link to a booklist for Year 3 in the ongoing resources folder on the school website which may be of interest if you are looking at what they might like to read next.

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

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