



Newsletter – Spring 2 Year 3 Mrs Legender and Mr Stokes.

Mathematics

In Maths will be starting a new topic of Fractions. Children understand that a fraction can be seen as part of a whole and that to find a unit fraction, they divide the whole into equal parts. They then identify the role of the denominator, appreciating that this shows how many equal parts the whole has been divided into. We will start by looking at unit fractions only, with the focus being on the denominator. Non-unit fractions are covered later in the block. We will then start looking at comparing fractions and looking at fractions on a number line.

English

In English, we will be writing a diary entry based on our class novel, Charlotte's Web. The children will begin to learn and use the different rules of speech within their writing during the Spring term. We will also be focusing on ensuring that our writing is cohesive and we can self-check our work.

Our other area of focus for this term is to write a setting description, linked to Charlotte's Web. The children will describe the barn/farmyard where Wilbur the pig lives.

Science

Pupils learn to distinguish a light source from reflected light. They learn that light travels in straight lines, study how we see and are taught how to protect their eyes. They investigate the transparency of fabrics using data loggers and carry out some experiments to find out about shadow formation.

French

We will begin to look at ways in which to say I am able to... followed by some simple phrases that the children may do outside of school.

PSHCE

Discrimination- We will be looking into gender stereotypes, such as discussing jobs which are presumed to be for males or females.

PE

In our P.E lessons, the children will be learning about racket skills using a table tennis paddle. They will look at different ways of serving and how to create a rally.

Religious Education

We will be studying the Easter story in the lead up to Easter. We will explore different symbols around Easter and how they can be religious or not.

Art/Music

Our Art and Music this term is based on the book the Iron man. We will also be studying Jean Michel Basquiat and his style of artwork.

Useful Information

Reading – We aim for the children to read at home at least 3 times per week. Once they have read 15 times, they receive a prize and are entered into a prize draw.

Homework – The children should be practising spellings and Times Tables daily. This is in preparation for tests on a Friday.

PE – Our PE days will now be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please be reminded that the children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit, this includes plimsoles for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor. See our school uniform policy on the website.

Class Novel – This half term we will be reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. This will be the stimulus for our Writing this half term too.

Online Resources – The children have access to Times Tables Rockstars which they should be completing at least 21 minutes per week of. To improve the children's number bond skills, we also recommend the game 'Hit the Button' which can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Thank you for your support. If you have any other questions, please contact the relevant class teacher through the office.

The Year 3 Team.