

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Term 5

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful, fun-filled and relaxing Easter break!

We have some lovely things happening this term and there are some changes to our timetable. We will be having two sessions of PE for the first few weeks of half term. On Wednesdays, we are continuing our swimming lessons at Dorcan Pool. Our last session is on the 25th May. **This term, we also have a coach coming from Swindon Town Football Club for PE lessons on Thursdays. Please send your children in wearing their PE kit.** These lessons will be outside, so please make sure they have appropriate clothing and a water bottle. Some children are coming to school without one and it is important that they stay hydrated throughout the day.

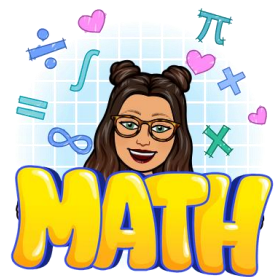


In English this term, we are becoming authors again. We are starting by comparing the book and film versions of *Varmints*, talking about the themes within the text. The children will learn about the techniques that Helen Ward uses and how to apply them to their own writing. They will then go on to write a second part of the story. After this, the children are going to become journalists and learn how to write a news report.



The children are really enjoying their class reader, *The Adventure Club: Red Panda Rescue*. We will be finishing it this term and then we will be reading the classic book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as recommended to our class by a Year 5 pupil.

In Maths, we are learning about fractions and will be introduced to decimal places. We will then be recapping our learning on time, comparing time and solving problems. We are then focussing on money, when we will learn to add and subtract amounts of money. You can support your child with this at home and when you go to the shops.



In the first week of term, we are learning all about the United Kingdom in Geography. The children will be able to name the countries and their capital cities, as well as the regions and some of the largest cities. They will use an Atlas to locate the cities within the country and will then use a compass to describe the location of the city within the UK.

After Geography, the children will have a week where we become emersed in Art. The children will learn all about the artist Pablo Picasso and cubism. The children will have the opportunity to explore colour and finally produce their own portrait in the style of Picasso using paint. I am really looking forward to this unit of work!

Also, the children will spend two weeks learning about plants in Science. They will learn the main parts of a flowering plant and will find out about fertilisation and seed dispersal. We have some very exciting investigations to do!

This term, the children will also continue to develop their computer skills and will learn about programming. In PSHE, our Jigsaw unit is 'Relationships'. The children will explore gender stereotypes, friendships, staying safe online and being a global citizen. In music, the children will continue to learn how to play the recorders.

### Reading

Please continue to record your child's reading on Go Read. The children that manage to read 4 times during the week will get recognised during Friday's celebration assembly.



### Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework weekly:

- Spellings - tested on a Friday
- Reading - read at least 3x a week (please make sure this is logged)
- Times Tables - these are set on Times Tables Rock Stars.

In addition to this, there will be optional homework that can be completed in relation to the work we are doing in school. This can be handed in at any time during the term. The following are a list of ideas for your child to choose from:

- Practice your times tables on TTRS.
- Try growing a plant at home and keep a log of the changes you observe.
- Look on a map and find where your family members live around the UK. You could even use Google Earth.
- Research Pablo Picasso. Can you find 5 facts about him?
- Try to recreate a piece of artwork by Picasso at home.
- Experiment with colour at home. Which colours look good together? Try doing pictures in contrasting warm and cool colours.
- Write a letter to your friend telling them how much they mean to you and why they are such a good friend.
- Do an observational drawing of some flowers.
- Practice telling the time using an analogue and a digital clock.
- Use real money in a shop. How much change have you got?

Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to speak to me and we can arrange a meeting.

With best wishes,  
Miss Halliwell