



Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 1, 2024

Literacy

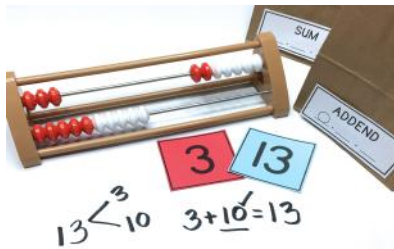
This half-term we will be reading a book called *Escape to Pompeii*, which is in the genre of historical fiction and links with topics of ancient Rome and natural disasters. Set against the backdrop of the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79, it helps bring the topic to life and provides a rich background knowledge of a significant historical period that we will also be studying in History. We will be using the book to learn about and stimulate our own writing in different styles such as setting descriptions, diary entries, letters and ultimately, a newspaper report.

We continue to work on our handwriting as we move on from diagonal joins. Diagonal joins form over half the joins we need and we will now move on to learn the horizontal joins that you use from the top of letters such as o, r, v and w. If you see us starting a letter from the bottom, please remind us that all letters start from the top, as otherwise we cannot join them!

Numeracy

Last term we started to include a 10 minute Maths Mastery session in our day.

These short sessions underpin our daily learning and we have been enjoying using Rekenreks to help us visualise number calculations such as additions, subtraction and doubling, to help us spot the number bonds that can be made, to help us do the mental maths.



We continue with our topic of multiplication and division and will also be covering shapes, which links with our DT topic this half term.

Science



This half-term we will be looking further at animal classification, and we will be investigating living things and their habitats.

Included in this, we will consider the impact that humans have on these habitats.

Computing

This half-term we will be learning to create media; learning to add text and images, to consider page orientation and to edit **font** and **graphics**.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be considering communities, what it means to belong to a community and how communities care for the environment. We will look at the work of the Environment Agency and consider water safety.

History

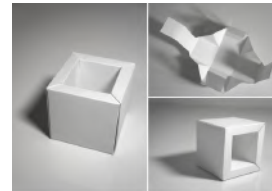
This term we will be learning about the Romans. Each time we learn about a new period in history we use the same set of skills as historians; identifying the facts from the tales and myths, comparing how life changes between different civilisations and thinking about what the Romans introduced to Britain and their legacy. What sources and evidence do you think we will use to enable us to find out this information?

RESPECT curriculum

We continue to solve challenges using our COJO RESPECT curriculum, helping the children develop life-skills and character development (Resilience, Empathy, Self-awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication and Team-work).

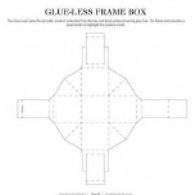
French

This half-term we will be focussing on ensuring we can stay well fed on our travels, learning the names of food items.



Design and Technology

Following on from our investigation of structures in September and October, we will be looking this time at shell structures, the net that is used to create that structure and considering their use in packaging.



Physical Education/Swimming

Swimming continues on a Tuesday, and PE (gymnastics) on a Thursday. Please wear PE kit on both days.

RE

Our big question this half-term is... What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians? We will start by looking at the Gospels.

Music

'Breaking' news... we will be learning Turntablism and how to Scratch!

Home Learning

Homework will be set each Thursday, please return for marking by Wednesday. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday. Please encourage daily reading and continue to record it in the Reading Record. Thank you!