



Our News

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are refreshed and ready for the term ahead. During this half term we will be continuing to use *The Firework Maker's Daughter* as the focus for our work.

Our Year 3 curriculum is on our website for you to see what we will be learning but here are some of the highlights:

Science - we will be learning about forces and magnets.

History - we will be finishing our work on Romans.

Geography - we will be learning about the climate in different countries and how it differs from here.

Art - we will build on our portrait work and use different medium to create our artwork. We will also use our Romans work to recreate some of our own.

Design Technology - we will investigate 3D shapes and which shapes are used for different buildings. We will then use different materials to make tall towers and test how to make them stronger.

RE - our focus this term will be on Hinduism.

Music - children will continue to learn to play the recorder with Ms Deans. Recorders must be in school every Wednesday for music lessons.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

Continue to read regularly and fill in the reading journals. Encourage your child to read a range of texts including both fiction and non-fiction, magazines and comics. After half term we will be giving out dojos to children who have read over the holidays! In reading, we have been focusing on using inference skills when reading a text to gain a greater understanding. Inference is using the clues from the text to draw conclusions.

Examples of questions you might ask are:

- What kind of a person is ____?
- How is ____ feeling? How do you know?
- Do you think....?

Writing

We will continue to use *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* as the basis of our writing, as well as introducing a range of other texts. Adding more detail to our writing with adjectives and conjunctions will remain a focus. Children will be using speech marks to show when characters are speaking.

When reading stories at home, try to spot when a character is speaking.

Can you also spot if the author uses any alternative words to said?

Continue to practise your spelling challenges.


The next challenges will be on:
12/01/18 and 02/02/18

Maths


Continue to help your child to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and count in these multiples. We will also be learning our division facts for these times tables. You can practise writing fact families like:

$$3 \times 5 = 15 \quad 5 \times 3 = 15$$
$$15 \div 3 = 5 \quad 15 \div 5 = 3$$

We have started using a standard written method for addition. Ask your child to show you their new method and continue to practise this using three digit numbers.

Carrying Method 467 + 378 = 845 Es. 500 + 400 = 900
$\begin{array}{r} 467 \\ + 378 \\ \hline 845 \end{array}$
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Maths Challenge: Friday
Tables Challenge: Monday

<p><u>January Birthdays</u></p> <p>Jack W</p> <p>Thomas G</p>	<p><u>February Birthdays</u></p> <p>Aimee</p> <p>Poppy M</p> <p>Alfie</p>	<p>Thank you very much for all of the Christmas cards and lovely gifts that we received at the end of term. We really appreciated them!</p> 
<p><u>Dates for the Diary</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th Feb – Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Monday 12th Feb – E-safety show</p> <p>Tuesday 13th Feb – E-safety workshops</p> <p>Friday 16th Feb – Chef</p> <p>Friday 16th Feb – Break for half term</p> <p>Monday 26th Feb – Back to school</p>		<p>A huge well done to all of the children in Year 3 who were flexible with the change of arrangements for our Carol Service. They performed beautifully in the Chapel for the rest of the school.</p> <p>We were really proud of how well you learnt your lines and sang the songs. It made us feel very Christmassy!</p>
<p>These children were Outstanding Learners last term:</p> <p>Ava B, Ellie, Poppy M, Isla, Poppy, Jamie, Jaime, Ethan, Lillia, Isabelle, Olivia N, Byron, Charlie, Grace H, Joseph, Abbie, Jack C, Subhaan, Ava O, Brandon, Callum, Joshua K, Joshua P, Lilia, Grace C, Ruby, Isabel, Betsy, Harley, Charlotte, Alfie, Max, Ellone, Jessica, Olivia S, Jack W, Greta, Maddison, Luke, Darcey, Taylor and Tia.</p>		
<p>These children have moved up a maths challenge this half term:</p> <p>Ava B, Lillia B, Charlie, Jack C, Callum, Grace C, Harley, Josh F, Darcey G, Jamie G, Isabelle H, Subhaan, Josh K, Ruby, Charlotte, Jessica, Maddison, Taylor, Poppy M, Jaime MB, Ava O, Isabel P, Alfie, Olivia S, Luke, Tia, Isla, Ethan, Abbie, Brandon, Lilia W, Cruz, Betsy, Max, Jack W, Greta.</p>	<p>These children have improved their spelling challenge score this half term:</p> <p>Charlotte, Jessica, Kiera, Ellie, Kayden, Abbie, Joshua F, Callum, Alfie, Lillia, Thomas, Luke, Lilia, Jack C, Tia, Josh K, Byron, Ava O, Joe, Josh P, Max, Isabel, Subhaan, Brandon, Grace C, Taylor, Betsy, Maddison, Jamie, Ruby, Poppy B, Isabelle, Ava B, Charlie B, Ellone, Harley, Olivia S, Greta, Darcey.</p>	
<p><u>Superheroes of the week</u></p> <p>These children were chosen for their exceptional behaviour and attitude:</p> <p>Isabelle H, Olivia N, Ethan, Jaime M-B and Subhaan</p>	<p><u>Badges</u></p> <p>These children have received their next badge this half term:</p> <p>Amy, Alfie, Tia, Betsy, Ruby, Grace H, Ellone, Charlie and Ava B</p>	