



Mount Pleasant Primary School
Year 3 Half-Termly Newsletter

Nov-Dec
2017

Our News

What a great first half term Year 3 have had! The children's behaviour on our visit to Chedworth Roman Villa this week was excellent, they were a credit to our school! During next half term we will continue to study *The Firework - Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. We will be basing some of our written work around this text.

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

History - we will continue our work on Romans following up from our visit to Chedworth Roman Villa.

Geography - our focus will remain on volcanoes. We will begin to look at specific eruptions around the world.

Art - we will continue our portrait work and use different media to create our artwork.

RE - our focus will be on each religion and how places of worship differ from each other.

Science - we will continue our topic of rocks and soils.

Music - the children will begin to learn to play the recorder this half term, focussing on how to hold, blow and look after their new instrument. The recorders will be provided by school and must be in school on a Wednesday for music lessons.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

Continue to encourage your children to read a range of texts. It is important for the children to be able to summarise what they have read. Ask them questions such as:

What is the main point of this paragraph?

Can you sum up what happens in these three /four/five paragraphs?

Can you think of a subheading for this paragraph?

Writing

It is essential that children are familiar with and understand the meaning of key grammar vocabulary, such as adjective, verb, noun, adverb, conjunction, speech marks, suffix, prefix and clause. A great website to help with this is <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling-grammar/>

The spelling challenges will be on: 03.11, 24.11 & 15.12

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on addition and subtraction. Fluency with basic addition and subtraction facts really helps when moving onto formal methods. You can practise these using games like cards (simple addition, snap or making 21) and dominoes. Online you can play 'hit the button' on this website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Maths Challenges: Monday

Times Table Challenges:

Wednesday

Believe it, Achieve it!

Things to Celebrate

Pupil of the Month

Josh P & Grace C

Kindness Award

Taylor and Brandon

Superheroes of the Week

Ava B, Charlie, Grace H, Josh K, Abbie,
Betsy, Max and Poppy B



Maths Challenges

These children have moved up a maths challenge this month:
Cruz, Alfie, Jack C, Maddison, Subhaan, Josh P, Olivia N, Isabelle H, Max, Taylor, Isabel P

Spelling Challenges

These children have improved their spelling challenge score:
Harrison, Charlotte, Kiera-Lei, Abbie, Alfie, Josh F, Ethan, Callum, Jaime M-B, Darcey, Thomas, Luke, Isla, Tia, Cruz, Byron, Ava O, Josh P, Isabel P, Subhaan, Brandon, Taylor, Maddison, Jamie G, Ruby, Poppy B, Isabelle H, Ava B, Harley, Olivia S, Poppy M, Greta.

November Birthdays

Taylor, Ava B, Josh F,
Jessica, Ruby, Ellone

December Birthdays

Josh P, Isabel P,
Callum, Brandon, Luke

Dates for the Diary

Friday 20th October - half term
Wednesday 15th November—Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 16th November-Cinema visit
Monday 20th November-Learning Journey Night
21st and 22nd November-Parents Evening
Friday 1st December - Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th December-Year 3 & 4 Carol concert
Tuesday 19th December-Break for Christmas