



### Our News

We cannot believe we are now in the last half term of this year! Although we are nearing the end, there is still a lot to do over the next few weeks, including Science week, Art week and a number of different workshops. 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 light and shadows.

History - we will be continuing to study Ancient Egypt and the Egyptian way of life. We are looking forward to a visit to Birmingham Museum at the end of June!

Geography - we will continue to learn to locate the world's countries and cities using maps.

Art - we will focus on using fruits and vegetables as a basis for our Art. We will experiment using different medium to draw, paint and print.

Design Technology - we will explore a range of breads from across the world. We will also identify the basic ingredients for bread and the impact of changing these on the finished product.

RE - we will continue to focus on Hinduism.

PE - Outdoor (Wednesday) we will be focusing on cricket and athletics.

PE - Indoor (Friday) we will be focusing on gymnastics.

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**

As a class we will continue to read David Walliam's books and we will also begin to look at some of Shakespeare's works. It's great to hear the range of different books the children are reading for pleasure. This is something we are encouraging during school also. Reading as much as possible helps children to develop fluency and understanding. The questions you ask your child are really important and at this stage children should be developing their ability to use inference. Ask questions such as: What makes you think that? Which words give you that impression? How can you tell that.....? What does this (word / phrase / sentence) imply about / character / setting/ mood)?

#### **Writing**

During the final half term we will continue to focus much of our writing on the books that we read. The children will consolidate many of the skills they have learnt throughout the year into various genres of writing including leaflets and stories.

This week we have started to learn about William Shakespeare and this will remain a focus over the next couple of weeks as we start to explore some of the plays he has written.


At home, see if you can find any interesting facts about William Shakespeare or try to read some of the children's versions of his books. The Orchard Classics are very good!

#### **Maths**

We have been investigating different ways measures are used in real life. The Year 3 expectation is that children are able to compare different measures, add and subtract them and also order them from smallest to largest. You can practise this at home when cooking or making different things.

We have also continued to practise telling the time to the nearest minute. We have been using words such as am, pm, noon, midnight and afternoon. We encourage children to wear an analogue clock and tell the time at different times during the day. Please continue to practise this with your child at home.

**Maths Challenge: Monday**  
**Tables Challenge: Wednesday**

<u>June Birthdays</u> Lillia B, Joe, Cruz and Darcey	<u>July Birthdays</u> Abbie, Jack C, Kayden and Jaime MB	<u>August Birthdays</u> Harrison, Grace H, Tia, Byron and Olivia S	These children have improved their spelling challenge score:  Ethan
<u>Dates for the Diary</u> w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> June – Science Week Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – Scootfit 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June – Bikeability Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Birmingham Museum Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wizard of Oz Production w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Arts Week 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Book Fair Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Learning Journey and Meet the New Teacher 3-4pm Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Reports go home Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Parents appointments (if required) 4-5pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – Break up for summer		These children have moved up a maths challenge this half term: Ellie G, Thomas G, Jessica May, Byron Poppy B, Lillia B, Ethan, Harrison, Lilia W, Harley, Josh P, Brandon, Jamie G, Poppy M, Olivia N, Betsy, Callum, Ruby Subhaan, Jaime MB, Max, Grace C, Isabelle H, Taylor L and Isabel P	Thomas Luke Lilia W Isla Josh P Taylor Betsy Olivia N Ruby Poppy B Ava B Ellone Poppy M Greta Darcey
During our Plants topic, the children were given a sunflower diary to complete. We were really impressed with the work that the children presented and love seeing the photographs! We are hoping to put some in our Year 3 garden too. We would love to see them again as they continue to grow! 		These children have moved up a tables challenge this half term: Ellone C, Callum C, Grace H, Jaime M, Poppy M and Abbie.	Abbie Callum Jack C Jamie MB Byron Josh K Aimee Harrison
<u>Superheroes of the week</u> These children were chosen for their exceptional behaviour and attitude: Lillia B, Aimee J, Maddison, Poppy M, Lila Watts, Greta and Byron		Badges - These children have received their next badge this half term: Jessica May	Isabel P Subhaan Grace C