



Our News

Though short, this half term has been a busy one for Year 3! We were extremely proud of how the children performed in our Mother's Day assembly, we're sure you were too! The Mother's Day sale was also a success, well done to the children for all their help! Our class reader this half term has been Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine. The children have discussed how boys and girls are treated differently in the story and they shared other examples from real life.

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 plants.

History - we will be continuing to study Ancient Egypt and the Egyptian way of life.

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

Art - we will create a variety of moonscape pictures using different media and experiment with different textures for creating different moods.

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

RE - our focus this term will be on Hinduism.

PE - Outdoor (Wednesday) we will be focusing on Rounders.

PE - Indoor (Friday) we will be focussing 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

Well done to everyone for continuing to read as much as possible at home.

When reading, an important skill to develop is prediction. Children can make predictions based on the front cover, pictures and what they have read so far. Children should be able to justify why they think events will happen. Some examples of questions you might ask are...

Can you think of another story with a similar theme? Do you think this story will go in the same way?

Which stories have opening like this? Do you think this story will go in the same way?

Why did the author use this setting? Do you think it will influence how the story develops?

Writing

Over the summer term, we will continue to base much of our writing on books by Anne Fine, with a big focus on 'Under a Silver Moon'. We will look at the setting and characters in the book and cover a range of genres. We have started our new system of testing the children on their spellings over the duration of a week. It was great to see so many scores improving, keep up the hard work practising! There are many different ways of practising spellings, including playing games like hangman and chunking them up to learn a few at a time. A useful website is Spellzone.


https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/lists-curriculum.cfm

Maths

We are continuing with a big focus on our times table facts every day, please continue to practise these at home little and often, it really helps! This half term we have been focusing on Fractions. We have learnt about different fractions such as tenths, quarters and thirds. Ask your child to show you $\frac{1}{3}$ of an object or $\frac{1}{5}$ of a packet of sweets. Remember that a fraction is a part of a whole. You get a fraction by dividing something into equal parts. Ask your child to explain these words as they are important vocabulary we have been using: numerator, denominator, equal parts, whole, half, thirds, quarters, fifths, tenths.

Maths Challenge: Monday

Tables Challenge: Wednesday

<p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>Subhaan, Maddison, Jamie, Josh K and Ava O</p>	<p><u>May Birthdays</u></p> <p>Lilia W, Charlie, Isla and Betsy</p>	<p><u>Outstanding Learner</u></p> <p>In order for children to be an outstanding learner they must adhere to all of the criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • always be ready to learn • always complete home learning tasks (reading, spellings and maths challenges) • show pride in their work and appearance • collaborate well and help others • demonstrate independence using '3 before me' • demonstrate a positive attitude to all learning • be a good role model and inspire others <p>These children have achieved the outstanding learner award: Ava B, Poppy B, Lillia B, Charlie B, Jack C, Callum, Grace C, Harley, Ellone, Greta, Ellie, Jamie G, Isabelle H, Grace H, Subhaan, Ruby, Charlotte, Maddison, Taylor, Kayden, Poppy M, Harrison, Olivia N, Ava O, Isabel P, Luke, Brandon, Lilia W, Max and Jack W</p>	
<p><u>Dates for the Diary</u></p> <p>Monday 16th April – School Opens</p> <p>Fri 20 April - Years 3 Dance Workshop</p> <p>Thu 3 May - Voting Day - School closed</p> <p>Mon 7 May - May Day Bank Holiday</p> <p>Thu 24 May - Inset Day - School closed</p> <p>Fri 25 May - Inset Day - School closed</p> <p>28 May to 1 June - Half Term</p>		<p>These children have moved up a maths challenge this half term:</p> <p>Poppy B, Charlie B, Jack C, Grace C, Harley, Ellone, Josh F, Darcey, Jamie G, Isabelle H, Grace H, Subhaan, Ruby, Maddison, Taylor, Poppy M, Harrison, Jaime, Olivia N, Josh P, Isabel P, Luke, Tia, Ethan, Byron, Abbie, Brandon, Cruz, Betsy, Max and Jack W.</p>	<p>These children have improved their spelling challenge score this half term:</p> <p>Josh F, Ethan, Alfie, Thomas, Luke, Lilia W, Isla, Tia, Josh K, Byron, Ava O, Joe, Josh P, Max, Subhaan, Brandon, Grace C, Taylor, Betsy, Jamie G, Olivia N, Ruby, Poppy B, Isabelle H, Olivia S, Grace H, Greta, Abbie, Callum, Cruz, Jack C, Jaime MB, Jack W, Harrison, Charlotte and Ellie-Mai.</p>
<p>These children have moved up a tables challenge this half term:</p> <p>Ava B, Poppy B, Charlie B, Jack C, Callum, Grace C, Greta, Josh F, Darcey, Ellie, Jamie G, Thomas, Isabelle H, Grace H, Subhaan, Josh K, Ruby, Jessica, Maddison, Taylor, Harrison, Olivia N, Ava O, Josh P, Isabel P, Olivia S, Luke, Tia, Isla, Ethan, Byron, Brandon, Lilia W, Cruz, Betsy, Max and Jack W.</p>			
		<p><u>Bully 4U</u></p> <p>On 6th March, Year 3 had a performance by Loudmouth Education called Bully4U. The children were taught about different forms of bullying and what they can do to help other people. We had a great day and the children represented Mount Pleasant perfectly!</p>	
<p><u>Superheroes of the week</u></p> <p>These children were chosen for their exceptional behaviour and attitude:</p> <p>Grace C, Harley, Ellone, Ruby, Harrison, Ava O and Lilia W</p>	<p>Badges - These children have received their next badge this half term:</p> <p>Jamie G, Harrison and Cruz</p>	<p>Well done to the following children who represented Mount Pleasant in the book quiz:</p> <p>Max, Isabel P and Greta</p>	