

## Year 3 Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful holiday. Spring is now upon us and we hope you are looking forward to the term ahead.

### English:

In our English lessons, we will be reading the little people big dreams book about the famous artist 'Pablo Picasso'. The children will be exploring this non-fiction text and learning the skills needed to write their own biographies based on another artist 'Van Gogh'.

In our guided reading sessions, we will be reading 'Iron Man'. The children will be reading this book as a class and learning how to answer different types of comprehension questions about text.

Reading continues to be a big focus this half term and each class will continue with their reading challenge.

### Computing:

In computing, children will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve documents. They will look at a range of page layouts thinking carefully about the purpose of these and evaluate how and why desktop publishing is used in the real world.

### PE:

In PE lessons we will be using our throwing and catching skills and carrying out some Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

We will also be exploring the school grounds in 'Forest School' every Monday. Please see the additional letter for more information.

### Maths:

In Maths, we will be looking at length, perimeter and then beginning our work on fractions.

We will be continuing to learn and revise our times tables throughout the term. We continue to encourage the children to learn their tables at home, each week, using Times Tables Rockstars. Each term the children have opportunities to earn badges for their time spent learning on this learning platform.

### Diary dates

6th March - World Book Day  
WB 10th March - Science Week  
WB 17th March - Financial Literacy Week  
18th & 20th March - Parents Evenings  
21st March - Book Look drop in  
4th April - Kindness Cafe

### History:

In our History lessons we will continuing to explore the very first civilisations by learning about 'The Shang Dynasty'. Within this topic we will be learning about what life was like for people who lived during this time and we will use artefacts to look for clues that may show us this. The children will learn about the Gods and Kings of this civilisation and where in the world the Shang Dynasty originated.

### Science:

Our topic this half term is Movement and Nutrition for the human body. The children will learn that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

We will also investigate why humans and animals have skeletons and muscles.

### RE:

In RE we will be continuing to learn about different festivals. During this half term we will learn about St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day.

We will also be exploring the Christians festival of lent and Easter.

### Music:

In Music, the children will learn how to vary the dimensions of music to evoke mood and atmosphere. They will create music to accompany song lyrics and poetry, as well as improvising a musical phone call to express a suggested mood!

The term ends with an opportunity to compose music inspired by stories and settings.

### DT

In our Cooking and Nutrition unit, we will be learning about how eating seasonal fruit and vegetables positively affects the environment.

We will be tasting seasonal ingredients, describing the texture and flavour, and designing a tart recipe.

### MFL:

This half term pupils will learn 10 familiar activities that they are able or are not able to do, in French. This is one of the first units introducing the negative form, allowing the children to build more interesting and complex sentences including the option of using conjunctions