



Class Three Newsletter – 18.5.18

This Week...

We started the week by putting our English skills into action and writing thank you letters to Mr and Mrs Dickson for giving us such an informative tour of the Mission last Friday. The children were very good at explaining why they had enjoyed the experience, and I know the letters have been well received and appreciated. We have been exploring the poem, Macavity by T. S Elliot this week. The children enjoyed the narrative of this poem and were investigators as they searched for words and phrases which described Macavity. The poem is rich in language and the children used their dictionary skills to find the definitions of several very difficult words. We also looked at word families and created word lists for the prefix re- and words ending with -ure. In our Maths, we have been using bar models as a strategy for solving addition problems and also using addition to calculate perimeter. We completed our investigation on shadow in our Science and discovered that shadows get longer as the object moves closer to the light source. In our RE, we looked at differences between churches in different countries and what is similar or common to them all. The children have started designing their own churches.

We are constantly working on key skills in English and Maths. Here are a few ways in which you can help at home. Please try and practise some of these during the half term break. It will really benefit your child!

1. Spellings - children bring spellings home every Friday to learn for a test. These are taken from the word lists sent home at the beginning of the year.
2. Times tables - we are doing these in class all the time and **by the end of Year 4, children should know all their tables up to 12x12**. Five minutes quick fire questions on a regular basis really helps build speed.
3. Reading - Children should be reading very regularly and remember, reading to your child is very valuable.
4. Number bonds - number bonds to 10 help with bonds to 100 and 100 - recognising that $4+6=10$ helps with $40+60=100$ and $400+600=1000$

Dates For Your Diary

School will close next **Friday, 25th May** and re-open on **Monday 11th June** at 8.55.am

Calling all dads!

Fathers' Day Cake and a Cuppa

In the afternoon of **Monday 18th June**, we are inviting all dads and grandads to come along and have a cake and a cuppa with your child/children in the school hall.

This is in celebration of Fathers' Day.

KS2 dads are welcome between 2:15 and 2:45pm.

5th July - Proposed date for Sports Day - weather dependent

If you are out and about enjoying or experiencing other cultures during the half term break, please send in any photos so we can learn from them too! We would love to see them and add them to our file.

Special News!

Christian Value Certificate - Courage
Harry Hine

Curriculum Certificate -
Ollie Whiteside

Writer of The Week -
Jensen Gregoire Parker for doing some great research into unfamiliar words

Next Week -

We shall continue to explore word families and use Macavity as our text and stimulus. We shall also be practising ascenders and descenders in our handwriting to ensure it is neat and easy to read. In our Maths, we shall be looking at multiplication and division in the context of measure, applying our skills to everyday problems. In our RE we shall use all our ideas to design our own church which will encourage people to join together and worship God. Our Science will look at whether bigger torches are brighter and we shall be completing our artwork on the Bayeux Tapestry.