



Class 3 Newsletter



Autumn Term – 10.1.20

This Week...

Welcome back to a new year and a new decade! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed special times together as a family. The children seem refreshed and eager to resume their learning, which is brilliant as we have a lot to cover this half term! We have started our new English unit on Fantasy and are reading The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. Much of our writing this week has centred around this book although we also had a lesson discussing and reflecting on the bushfires in Australia – the children are always keen to learn about current events and are so compassionate in their responses to them. We have also been brushing up our skills on place value in Maths and have started our new Geography and RE units too.

Next Week...

We shall continue reading our class novel and be picking out key elements to use in our writing, in particular using verbs, adjectives and adverbs to describe character and looking at how to vary our sentence structures. We shall be beginning our new Science work on Electricity and investigating circuits, seeing how we can improve the brightness of the bulb. Our RE unit is based around the part singing plays in worship and we shall be exploring multi-cultural Christianity, listening to different types of music and appraising how this makes us feel. We are dancing in PE this half term and the children will be continuing with their Morris dance routine.

Important Dates

- 15th January – Year 3/ 4 Cookery Club Session 1 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm – letters sent home
- 20th January – Year 3 Bible Presentations @ 9.15am – **Parents are welcome to attend**
- 20th January – PTA Meeting @ 3.30pm – All welcome
- 6th February – NSPCC Maths Day – Details to follow
- 14th February – School closes for half term at 3.15pm
- **Tuesday** 25th February – School Re-opens @8.55am

Our Christian Value this week is **CREATIVITY**



Note to Year 4 Parents

This year, the government are introducing a statutory Times Tables test which will take place for all Year 4 children in the Summer term. We are working hard in school to build fluency and speed. However, children need to be practising very regularly at home in order for them to feel confident in the test. Please ensure that your child continues to access Times Tables Rock Star or practises their tables in a different way which best suits their learning style.

Learning this half term

French – The Planets
English – Fantasy and Explanation text
Geography – Italy
RE – Why do we sing in Worship?
Science – Electricity
DT – Making circuits
Computing – Producing an information leaflet
More details on the website in Class 3 area

Special News!

Curriculum & Christian Value Awards –

Daisy and Neve

Writer of the Week

Sienna