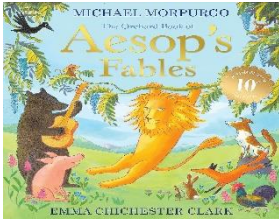


## Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter

We have got some fantastic learning planned and are really excited about the forthcoming term. We ask you to check the school newsletter each Friday to be aware of updated events and news. We have some exciting learning to share with you this term.

### English



This term, we will be reading Aesop's Fables and Fox by Margaret Wild. We will be exploring the characteristics of foxes in fables and other stories and we will write for a range of purposes, including poems, a setting description and our own fable. We will be focussing on using similes and adjectives and work on the use of language to create an effect on the reader.

### Maths

This term, we will be continuing with our work on multiplication and division and will be extending our knowledge of length and perimeter. In addition to this, we will be developing our understanding of fractions.

There will continue to be a real focus on arithmetic and fluency within a range of operations, along with a secure knowledge of times tables. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly help your child feel confident this term.



### Explore, Dream, Discover

This term in Geography, we will be developing our knowledge of counties and regions of the UK.

In History, the Stone Age will be our destination as we travel back through time.

During our Science lessons, we will be exploring Rocks, followed by Light.

Our question to be answered in RE is 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?'

As we get creative in Art, we will be focusing on textiles and collage, linking this to the work of Faith Ringgold. We will definitely be busy!

We will continue having two PE sessions a week! These will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full school P.E kit on their set P.E days. Please no patterned T-shirts, jogging bottoms and hoodies. Plain black, blue or navy bottoms and hoodies (if not the Willows) and a Willows or plain white or blue t-shirt.

### Reading and Homework expectations and Reminders

Reading – Reading is so important and is the key to children being able to access their learning. In Year 3, children should still be reading to an adult at home on a regular basis. Independent reading **in addition** to this is also welcome. Remember children can access Accelerated Reader and quiz at home as well as at school.

Spelling - On a weekly basis, your child will be taught new spelling patterns and will be given key words to learn. Although time will be given at the start of each day for pupils to practise these at school, we would also strongly encourage pupils to practise them at home. To facilitate this, weekly spelling homework will be posted on CLASS DOJO every Monday, which the pupils will be tested on every Friday.

Homework – The focus for homework will remain on times tables and will continue to be set on Purple Mash on a Wednesday. It is really important that this homework is completed at home on a weekly basis as it will support your child's learning. Maths homework is due by the following Monday.

Reminders – bottles for in the classroom should only contain water, break time snacks should be healthy (no nuts please) and earrings are not allowed at school. Thank you.

Kindest regards. Mrs Pendleburv. Mrs Needham. Mrs Talbot.