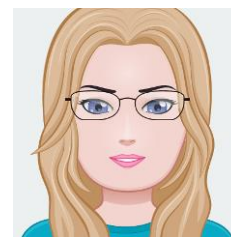




MARY ANNING CLASS TERM 4 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parent/Carers and children

We hope that you all had a relaxing week and have managed to recharge some of those batteries. We have a very busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning to do together. Don't forget, if your child would like to bring in slippers to wear in class, please send them into school. They will be kept in the cloakroom and your children can wear them in class. It does save the class carpet getting muddy! No novelty, unpractical ones please!

Please find below some of the details of the learning we will be doing in class as well as a copy of the Term 4 Spelling words and Topic related vocabulary grids for you to keep at home.

Topic - This term our topic has a Geography focus, answering the question: Beyond the Magic Kingdom. What is the Sunshine State really like? This enquiry will enable pupils to gain an understanding of the geographical features of a region in North America with which they will compare and contrast to a region in the United Kingdom.

Literacy - This term will start with some poetry and we will then do a traditional tale writing unit called Lazy Jack where the children will be learning about how to use speech in their writing. Once we have done that we will be reading a classic by Roald Dahl - and getting lots of writing opportunities from that, including character descriptions and newspaper writing.

Maths - We have nearly finished our Multiplication unit, where the children have learnt how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1 digit. From there we will move onto money and statistics. We will continue to work on our Times Tables. Thank you to those who are supporting at home with TTRS - watch out for some interclass battles that will be set this term.

Science - We will finish our unit on Forces and Magnets and then start a new unit on Animals including Humans, where the children identify that animal, 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. They will also learn that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

RE - This term we will be learning about the concept of the Salvation and the importance of Pentecost to Christians around the world.

Computing - During this unit, they will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects by using yes/no questions. The learners will create physical and on-screen branching databases. Finally, they will evaluate the effectiveness of branching databases and will decide what types of data should be presented as a branching database.

Online safety - We will continue thinking about Online Relationships and how important it is to know how to use the internet safely when talking to others.

PSHE - This term is about Healthy Me, where the children will identify people, and places that they need to keep safe from, and call tell you some strategies from keeping themselves safe and healthy, including who to go to for help.

Design Technology - this term the children will be doing a food unit. The children will plan the main stages of a recipe, listing ingredients, utensils and equipment. They will select and use appropriate utensils and equipment to prepare and combine ingredients. They will then select from a range of ingredients to make appropriate food products, thinking about sensory characteristics.

Wednesday Afternoon PE/ Forest School

A letter has gone out about this. Please send your child to school in your P.E. kit. Children will need old trainers or wellington boots, a warm jumper, jogging bottoms and a waterproof coat, especially if the weather worsens as we will be going outside whatever the weather! Long hair should be tied back, and **earrings removed**, for outside activities.



Please can we remind parents that playtime snacks should be healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, crackers or plain rice cakes.

General reminders and information:

- ✓ Your child may bring in a **water** bottle to keep in class. This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
(NO JUICE OR SQUASH PLEASE!)
- ✓ **Homework** - will be set on a Friday. It will sometimes come via the homework folder or be set online and sent to you via DOJO. Watch out for TTRS battles!
- ✓ We shall keep you as informed as possible via the Parent Information noticeboard on the window - which will display menus / spellings lists, photos and letters etc.
- ✓ **DOJO** - We shall continue to message you directly using it as well as shall some of the learning we have been doing through the Class Story section.
- ✓ We would like to remind children that jewellery (other than a conventional wristwatch) and nail varnish are not permitted. Please ensure that all items of clothing including hats, scarves, gloves, coats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person at the end of the day or via email:

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or via Dojo

Thank you
Mrs Porteous, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Hegarty
The Year 3 Team!