

Year 3's Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope you've enjoyed the start to the new year. We have been busy starting our new 'Transformations' topic.

Thank you for the effort everyone put into their homework. The class have loved exploring rocks their friends brought in and learning more from their presentations.

Here are some of the questions we have been asking and answering:

"Are rocks useful?"
"What are rocks made out of?"

We are looking forward to finding out more on our trip to the caves next week!

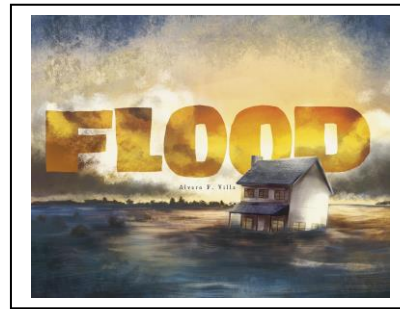
Lawren displayed her stones in a special box she made, with information written behind each of the doors.



English & Maths

In English, we will be reading "Flood" by Alvaro F. Villa. This is a wordless book with beautiful pictures, which we will be using to create our own playscripts. Some of the objectives we will be covering are:

- To be able to use prepositional phrases to create stage directions
- To be able to use expanded noun phrases to describe a scene
- To learn how to speech punctuation differs in stories and playscripts



In maths, we are looking at multiplication and division, and will be achieving the following objectives:

- To be able to write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know
- To show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot
- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in 10s from any number, forward and backward

We are currently focusing on our 3 times table, so please help your child practise this at home.

Computing

This half term, we will learn to use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using our ipads. Next, we will apply those skills to create a story-based animation. The unit will conclude us learning to add other types of media to our animation, such as music and text. Some of our sessions will focus on:

- Can a picture move?
- Frame by frame
- What's the story?
- Evaluate and make it great

Swimming

Year 3 now swim every Tuesday afternoon. This starts this Tuesday (14th January) and continues until Easter.

The school trip on Tuesday is only in the morning, so children will swim when they get back to school.

Please can children be collected from the Lenton Centre every Tuesday at home time

Please note, no jewellery, including earrings, is allowed in the pool. If a child is wearing stud earrings for school, they must be able to remove these themselves before swimming (staff are not permitted to remove them).



Homework

Homework is set every Friday and is due the following Thursday.

Homework set: Spelling activity (purple book)
Reading comprehension (purple book)
Maths activity on Mathletics (online)

UN Sustainable Development Goals

As a school, we strongly believe in promoting peace and prosperity for all. We recognise the key role the children of Edna G Olds will play in the future of the planet. We have now built into the curriculum the teaching of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by all UN member states. We aim to focus on two Development Goals per half term. This will raise children's awareness around issues such as poverty, inequality and climate change. This half term, we are learning about 'Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure'. You can find out more about the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th January: Trip to Nottingham Caves and Justice Museum

Thursday 23rd January: Art trip to 'Primary' on Seely Road.

Please ensure you are logged into Showbie to receive messages and updates on our learning.