

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 fossils and models their friends brought in and learning more their presentations.

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

"What are rocks?"

"What are rocks of?"

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

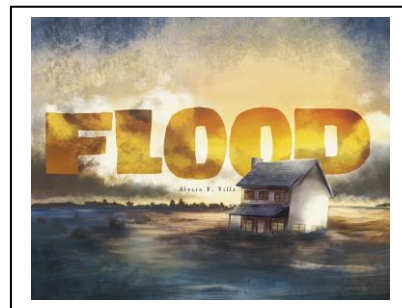
Arthur told us all about his trip to see the Hemlock Stone



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.

Spanish

In Spanish this half term, we will be learning the names of fruit. These are the objectives we will be working on:

To be able to name and recognise up to 10 fruits in Spanish.

To be able to attempt to spell some of these.

To be able to ask somebody if they like a particular fruit.

To be able to say what fruits they like and dislike.

On our Spanish cultural day on 13th February, we will be learning about the geography of our focus country of Argentina, and trying to answer the question: Why might a mountainous country like Argentina be more prone to earthquakes? We will also be finding out about the volcanoes in Argentina - did you know there are 34?!



Swimming

Year 3 now swim every Tuesday afternoon until Easter.

PE is also on a Tuesday.

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)

It is really important that your child reads at home regularly. Please sign their diary. Thank you.

Book Bags

Please ensure your child has a flat Edna G Olds book bag. We store these in our trays in the classroom for easy access to our books. Thank you!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th January: Trip to Lenton Library

Thursday 15th January: Trip to National Justice Museum and Nottingham Caves.

Wednesday 4th February: Year 3's assembly and showcase.

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