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Grove
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How can you help your child?

- We will be learning and practising the 3x, 4x and 8x tables so please encourage your child to practise at home.
- Your child will have the opportunity to change their library book every week in our fabulous new library. The children are encouraged to make a free choice of a book that interests them, so it is not necessarily a book at their reading level. Please encourage your child to read and share the book with you.
- All pupils have recently been given a log in to the website **Marvellous Me**, look out for messages from us to celebrate your child's achievements.

At the end of each day, ask your child what they have been learning and encourage them to tell you all about their day.

Year 3 Members of Staff

Mrs Mills (Class teacher)
Mrs Slater (Class teacher)
Miss Lisseman
Mrs Watkins

Year 3 Spring Learning

Happy New Year! We are very happy to welcome the children back. We hope that everyone has had a good break and are now ready for the exciting term ahead. We would also like to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Slater will be teaching Year 3LS and Mrs Watkins will be supporting Y3DM.

This term the children will be rewarded for displaying any of the following secrets of success:

- Pushing themselves
- Working hard
- Using their imagination
- Understanding others
- Not giving up

Remember to look out for Marvellous Me notifications to reward children who show these qualities. So keep up the good work and continue to strive for success 😊

English

During the Spring Term Year 3 will read "The Twits" by Roald Dahl. Through the study of this book the children will explore the characters and action of the story and will then be taught how to apply what they have learned to develop their own story writing skills.

There will be further opportunities through the book to broaden the children's vocabulary and introduce the reading and writing skills needed to understand poetry and discussion texts, including:

- Short poems focusing on rhyming vocabulary and developing a humorous style
- Identifying dialogue between characters and using this along with inverted commas, to add detail to writing
- Understanding how adjectives are used to add detail and use good examples in their own writing to improve written descriptions.
- Identify that there are two viewpoints in a discussion text and write a summary of two opposing views to create their own discussion text.

Daily Accelerated Reader sessions and Reciprocal Reading will continue and it is great to see so many children improving on their quiz scores as their reading confidence and comprehension skills develop.

Music, Spanish and ICT

In music, we will be learning about different styles of music and the children will continue to develop their drumming skills with Junior Jam.

Spanish and ICT will continue to be taught by Junior Jam.

This term we will also have the opportunity to learn to play the Polyphones.

Our Topic

This term we will be taking a journey back in time to learn about the Romans. Children will learn about the expansion of the Roman Empire, how and when The Romans invaded Great Britain and the impact that the past has on today's society.

Further learning in Art will focus on the Roman use of mosaics and the children will develop their own ideas to make their own mosaic. After half term we will be moving onto Potions and finding out about the history of medicines and how they are used safely.

Spelling and Handwriting

All written work will need to be correctly presented and all letters formed correctly and of a consistent size. The handwriting focus for this term will be to continue to practise the diagonal joins taught last term and introduce some horizontal joins.

Children will practise the correct spelling patterns through spelling games and activities every day. They will start to spell words using more complex patterns and words that sound the same but have a different spelling and meaning. Words that can be changed by adding a prefix will also be investigated to understand how changing the spelling affects the meaning.

Useful Websites:

- www.purplemash.com/sch/grove-wv2
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories
- www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk

Maths

Maths will continue to be taught using the "Maths Makes Sense" approach to learning. The key skills that will be covered during the Spring Term are:

- Methods to support the multiplication and division of larger 2 digit numbers
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of mixed number fractions and negative numbers
- Measuring and drawing angles using degrees, recognising right angles and using set squares
- Interpreting the information presented in grids, bar charts and pie charts
- Partitioning 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers in different ways and understanding the place value of each digit.

Don't Forget...



P _____ onday 3DM
Tuesday 3LS

Swimming: Thursday both classes

Your child will need the correct PE or swimming kit in school on the appropriate day.

Praise Assembly: Every Friday at 9.05am. Check to see if your child has been awarded "Achiever of the Week": a slip is given out by the class teacher on the Wednesday before.