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Newsletter

### What we have been up to:

#### In Year 3 we have been...

extremely busy in the run-up to the festive period. The children have been working hard on their diary entries in English as well as developing their reading skills.

In maths, pupils have been using their multiplying and dividing skills to strengthen their knowledge with number.

In science lessons, pupils have been experimenting with the absence of light to see the effects of reflection!

In history the pupils have developed their understanding of the key differences between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

### Reminders/Key dates:

**Back to school on  
4 January 2022**

**Spring term 2022**  
4 January - 1 April

**Half term**  
14 February - 18 February

**Easter Holiday**  
4 April - 19 April  
(returning on the 20 April)

**Training day**  
19 April

### Curriculum:

#### English

We will be learning about different types of poetry in lessons and using the book, 'Poetry Pie' to help the children.

***Please continue to share a variety of books and poems with your children to support their reading and writing.***

#### Maths

In maths we will be continuing our unit of multiplication and division, increasing our knowledge of the 4 and 8 times tables. We will then be moving on to learn how to multiply and divide 2 digits by 1 digit and looking at scaling to solve problems.

***To support all of this, please ensure children are spending 5 minutes a day on Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars as this really will support their fluency and speed.***

#### Science

We will be continuing to explore the properties of Light. We will be learning about opaque, transparent and translucent materials before looking at how we can change the shape and length of shadows. We will then start our unit looking at Forces and Magnets, focusing on magnetic materials and learning about gravity.

### Curriculum:

#### PE

Pupils will be completing a unit of multi-skills in PE as well as developing their learning of health through a pedagogical model called Health-Based PE where they will learn how to adopt healthy, active lifestyles.

#### History

We will be learning all about what life was like during the Shang Dynasty in China.

#### Personal Development

We will be starting a unit looking at 'Dreams and Goals'. We will spend time learning about how to set our own goals, and how we overcome challenges when we find things difficult.

#### RE

In RE we will be asking the question 'What are the deeper meanings of the festivals?' We will spend time looking at religious festivals of Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and non-religious people. We will look at how some of the celebrations are similar to what we celebrate ourselves.

### Curriculum:

#### Art / DT

We will be completing our unit creating fruit kebabs - including making them! We will then move onto a new Art unit studying the work of Hokusai.

#### Performing Arts

In performing arts children will have their third rotation. One class will be developing their singing skills, one class will be having a drama session and the other class will be learning an instrument.

#### French

This half term we will be learning about animals and colours. The linguistic focus is gender, articles (definite & indefinite), plurals and adjectives (position & basic agreement).

#### Computing

We will be continuing our work learning about 'Infographics', including creating an infographic about ourselves. We will then start to look at creating and editing a documents using different software.

**Topic**

**Shang Dynasty**