



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3 News

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Issue 5

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this half term, including our Rainforest topic. This unit will now be our focus in Geography for the rest of this year.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to cover the National Curriculum, looking at:

- Fractions
- Money
- Time

It is really useful if the children are able to see an analogue clock at home to help learn to tell the time as this is an area of maths that a lot of children find tricky. You can help at home by asking them what the time is and reminding them about the time throughout the day.

As always, we encourage children to continue to practise their times tables. Children should be secure in their times tables both in and out of order and answer with speed and accuracy. By the end of year 3, the children need to be able to recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

The children will be completing work in class focusing on a specific times table and its division facts. You can support their learning at home by using TTRockstars.

English

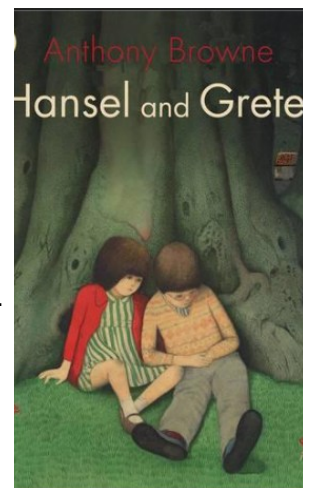
The book focus for this half term will be 'Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne.

The children will be consolidating their use of speech and will write a retell of parts of this fairy story. They will also write a diary entry from the character's point of view.

Reading

Children will continue to have a daily class reading session and will read with their teacher every week. During our reading sessions, we not only listen for fluency in reading but also make sure the children understand what is happening in the text. The understanding of the text is what we will judge the reading on, not just the ability to read. Books are changed on a Wednesday. However, it is important that your child brings their reading book and reading diary into school every day.

Please continue to encourage your children to read at home as they are rewarded a 'smiley' face for three entries in their diaries every week. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read. We welcome your comments about their reading in their diaries too. Children can also record additional books read in their reading diaries. Don't forget this can include books from home.





curriculum

Curriculum Overview

Geography

Our new unit for this term is 'Saving the World.'

During this topic, we will be looking at the Rainforest and what is in the Rainforest. The children will find out all about palm oil as well as fascinating facts about some of the plants that belong in there. Our inspiration day for this unit will be on Friday 12th June, children will be asked to come to school dressed as a creature from the rainforest, an explorer or in green. We will also be having a special visit from Rainforest Dave on this day (more information to follow!)



Science

For Science, we will be recapping our prior knowledge on Animals and Humans and what they need to stay healthy.

R.E.

In RE our focus will be The Kingdom of God with a focus on Hinduism.

D.T

Children will be completing a unit of work in DT looking at pneumatics. They will use their knowledge to create a moving toy.



P.E.

3W - Swimming on Mondays.

3H - OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) and Hockey on Friday

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Fabulous Finish

On Friday 22nd May, parents and carers are invited into school (2:45pm) to hear all about our half term. As part of our Oracy development, children will be talking to their adult (s) about their DT project and will be working alongside them to decorate it!

School uniform

Please can we remind you that children should be wearing shoes and not boots or sandals to school. As the weather hopefully improves, please could you ensure your child has a water bottle in school and if necessary, a sun hat. Long hair should also be tied back. For PE / swimming, earrings will need to be removed or covered.

DIARY DATES

Monday 13th April

3W start swimming

Tuesday 21st April

Stephen Lawrence day

Monday 27th April

3W's class collective worship

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May

3M's class collective worship

W.C 11th May

Year 6 SATs

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half term

Year 3's Fabulous finish
2:45pm

With thanks, the Year 3 Team.