



Shipwrecked!



Year 3 Term 4 2018

Our topic this term is *Shipwrecked!*

After being shipwrecked on a mysterious island, we will use our mapping and painting skills to create a map of our island and write directions (taking the opportunity to practise our prepositional phrasing skills) to circumnavigate the island. We will also be writing narratives, focussing on characterisation and plot, about the mysterious tales of the island.

We will also be writing poetry linked to the sea and exploring a range of different types of poetry in order to add to our poetry writing toolboxes.

In Science, we will be learning about the skeleton and muscles, as well as thinking about what we mean by healthy eating and good nutrition. As part of this, we will be designing, creating and sampling a healthy tropical fruit drink.

Maths this term will see us delving deeply into measure and money, as well as developing our understanding of position and direction (vital if we are to escape from the island!).

We are really looking forward to another term packed full of exciting learning. Please remember that we are here to support you and the children, and we are always happy to chat about any concerns or ideas you may have.

Thank you for all the support you are providing at home; this really does make a difference to your child's progress in school. Here is a reminder of the activities your child has been asked to do at home as well as reading:

- **Spelling:** please continue to practise the spellings from your child's current spelling booklet and sign on the last page when they are ready to be tested. All booklets will be collected in each week so please also sign any pages that you and your child have been practising.
- **Times tables:** rapid recall of times tables will give your child greater confidence with number work and underpins basic numeracy skills. We aim to test your child weekly - many thanks to those who come in every week to do so. Your child will be told after each test which table they are working on. Please do ensure some time is spent on these each week and please do get in touch if you need some ideas for activities.
- **Weekly homework:** homework is given out on Friday and is usually due back the following Thursday.
- **PE:** children need to ensure they have their PE kits in school at all times please, including trainers and joggers. PE sessions will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term.



Have you read with your child today?

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child for the development of their writing skills. When children read (or are read to) they develop sight recognition of words which supports their spelling. They begin to recognise when a word looks wrong in their own writing because they've seen it before in a book. Please continue to read with your child at home as much as possible but also remember that talking about books is important too so you can check their comprehension. Please ask if you would like ideas for questions you could discuss with your child regarding their book.



Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd March – House Day
Tues 20th & Thurs 22nd March –
Parents' Consultations
w/c 26th March – STEM week

The Year 3 Team