



AROUND THE WORLD IN 35 DAYS!

YEAR 3 - TERM 2

Time to move on to our next exciting topic, Around the World in 35 days! At the end of last term, the Woodland Folk suggested that we might want to explore the world as they do so we have planned an inspiring seven weeks packed full of stimulating activities and lessons linked to our circumnavigation of the world in a hot air balloon! We will be visiting and learning about different areas of the world, focusing on the diverse physical and human characteristics of wherever the winds take us. In English, we will be learning how to write letters and keep a diary. Mathematics will consist of Shape, Time, and will continue with the formal written methods. During our Art lessons, we will focus on different types of sculptures using card and papier mache. Using knowledge of different mechanisms, we will be designing a card with a moving part. We just hope that we get back in time for Christmas!

Keeping up the good work at home!

Thank you for all the support you are providing at home. This really does make a difference to your child's progress in school. Our **TOP TIPS** to supporting your child with their homework are:

- **Reading aloud and having lots of discussion about books** are vital to help your child develop fluency, expression and comprehension skills. Please continue to record all the reading you do at home with your child in their Reading Log. Record everything you read together; we are really encouraging the children to read different genres so read the newspaper together, magazines, information books, comic strips like Asterix or Tintin, or other graphic novels.
- **Times tables** - We will continue to support the children with their tables in class but regular practice with an adult at home is invaluable. You can check where your child is working by looking at the Learning Log. Continue your fabulous work on TT Rockstars.
- **Spellings** – Please keep practising with those spellings too. Don't forget to log into Spelling Shed for extra practice.
- **Flipped Classroom**. There may be a pre-learning homework for a future lesson – usually reading through some information or some research. Children will have a week to complete this flipped classroom homework. The day it is given out will depend on when it's needed for. It won't necessarily be every week.

This term our learning skills-based reward system will again focus on our school's ELLI philosophy: co-operation, creativity, reflection, making connections, resilience, learnability, independence and curiosity. When the children display one of these skills, they will be rewarded with a small national flag which they will place on their very own little globe.

Please note, PE sessions will take place on Friday afternoon and Thursday mornings. Your child will need a T-shirt, shorts, trainers and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE, and jogging trousers will also be necessary as winter draws in. Please be aware that long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taped or removed for these sessions. Remember that children should come dressed in their PE kits on a Thursday. Many thanks to our wonderful team of parents who come and test spellings and times tables and to those who listen to readers. It's a huge help and we sincerely appreciate it and hope that you will be able to continue. Thanks, too, for your support with fundraisers like the Cake Bake.

We look forward to another exciting and prosperous term.

The Year 3 team

