



Shipwrecked!



Year 3 Term 3 2020

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, focusing on characterisation and plot, about escaping from a desert island.

We will also be writing poetry linked to the sea and exploring a range of different types of poetry.

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!).

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.

During STEM week, at the end of the term, we'll be learning about friction and magnetism.

In RE, we will be looking at the Trinity and exploring its meaning.

ICT will see us looking at coding and debugging and hopefully we will get to use the new Probots.

We will start with observational drawings of shells in art and use this as a stimulus for making sea themed clay tiles.

Looking at healthy minds and healthy bodies will be the theme for PSHEE which links in with our science work on healthy living.

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 in addition to 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. If your child is struggling to learn the whole booklet, you can sign off one page at a time. Keep going with Spelling Shed!
- **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. Don't forget TT Rockstars!
- **PE:** We will try to get outside whatever the weather for hockey, so if your child would like to wear gloves and a hat, please pop those into the P.E. kit. Our indoor PE will be creating our own dance around a sea theme. Girls who wear tights need to have a pair of socks in their kit too. Children need to come in wearing PE kits on Thursday but need kits in school on Friday for class PE.



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.

Just a reminder...

Break time snacks should be fruit or veggies only, please.

This was the children's idea so please let's support them in going for healthy options.



Dates for your diary
Friday 7th February: House Day
Week commencing 10th February:
STEM week

Happy New Year!
The Year 3 Team