

YEAR 3 - TERM 2

Time to move on to our next exciting topic, Up, Up and Away! 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 our corner of the world in a hot air balloon! We will be visiting and learning about different areas of the South West, focusing on the physical and human characteristics of wherever the winds take us. In English, we will be learning how to write letters and keep a diary. In Mathematics, we will continue to develop our understanding of place value. During our Art lessons, we will be focusing on autumnal colours and observational drawings. In Science, we are looking at forces and magnets, while in computing we will explore coding and debugging. As we head into winter, we will be doing some card relief designs. We just hope that we get back from our travels 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 Rock Stars.
- **Spellings** – Please keep practising with those spellings too. Remember your child will be tested on a Monday and new spellings will come home on a Tuesday. Don't forget to log into Spelling Shed for extra practice.

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 star to decorate their balloon and earn points for their house team.

Please note, PE sessions will take place on Monday afternoon and Wednesday 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 PE days.

Dates for the diary:

15.11 - 19.11 Kindness Week
11.11 Remembrance Day
19.11 Children in Need

We look forward to another exciting and adventurous term!

The Year 3 team

