



Week beginning: Monday 5th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick reminder that Thursday this week sees a rearranged World Book Day (after the snow last week) and an exciting visit from a real, live author: Anne Wan, Y3 children will also be participating in Forest Schools as normal that afternoon. Other enriching events include a visit to hear from author Neil Layton, on Tuesday, and our Life-changing Literature event this afternoon.

Our science topic this half term is light and shadows – we will be finding out how shadows are formed, how a mirror works and how the eye functions. In addition, we will honing our scientific skills, including taking accurate measurements, making systematic observations and writing a scientific explanation.

Literacy - Genre ~ Biography

Following on from our work based around the story Voices in the Park, we will this week be starting a biography unit based on the life of Anthony Browne, the author of this story.

Maths – Measures – Area and Perimeter

This week we start a 2 week unit of work on measures – area and perimeter of 2D shapes. Work will include measuring length accurately and finding missing measurements on part-numbered scales, as well as calculating area and perimeter. Reasoning and problem-solving will be woven throughout.

Home learning

Literacy

Each week the children have spellings to learn. These are handed out on a Friday and tested the following week – generally Thursday, but depending on other events in any given week.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Their reading book and reading journal (to record their reading) should travel to and from home/ school each day.

Maths

Mental Maths Target this half term we will continue with some work on times tables, but mixed with other skills. The National Curriculum sets the expectation that all children should be fluent with tables to 12x12 by the end of Y4 and some children still need practice. However, since many of the children have made good progress with their times tables, we will also broaden out to speed tests of more mixed mental maths skills.

Please check with your child what stage of the Times Tables Olympic challenge they have reached and support practice at home using Times Tables Rockstars.

Kind regards, Sarah Pooley