

Year 3 Update 8.12.23

In RE this week the children have been thinking about the importance of visitors and how we prepare for visitors in our home. They also learnt about the Jesse Tree and the symbols associated with each day and wrote an advent promise that they will keep over the advent period. They have also been learning about the joys and demands that Mary felt in the Annunciation and Visitation.

Vocabulary: Jesse Tree, ancestor, Advent, Advent wreath, Annunciation, Visitation

In English this week the children have been learning how to use time connectives in their work and learning about how certain texts can be written in the first, second or third person. They have also started writing a diary entry which retells the story of the Paper bag Princess from the perspective of the dragon.

Vocabulary: paragraph, past tense, opinions, facts, conjunctions, time connectives

after	as soon as possible	before	earlier
eventually	finally	in the beginning	in the end
just at that moment	just then	later	meanwhile
next	several months later	suddenly	while
first	without warning	second	after that

In maths this week, the children have continued practising mental methods of addition and subtraction, partitioning numbers to make this easier and also by finding the next nearest 100. We have also been revising column methods of addition and subtraction. We will continue with this work next week.

$$70 + 60 = 100 + 30$$
$$100 + 30 = 130$$

Key vocabulary: partition, exchange, add, subtract.

In Science, we carried out an experiment to measure friction. The children reflected on the predictions they made last week and discovered if they were correct. To ensure the experiment was fair we kept some variables the same. The only variable that we changed was the surface the car travelled on. The children realised that the car travelled furthest on the smooth surface because there was less friction. We all started to look at magnets and magnetism and the children have investigated whether all metals are magnetic. They have also looked at the strength of magnets and whether different magnets have a weaker or stronger magnetic field.

Vocabulary: friction, surface, prediction, aim, variables, fair test, magnetism, north pole, south pole

Please check your childs homework diary for information on the food needed for the Christams party and for resources needed for D and T next week, thank you.

Homework

This week's homework is maths, please see Teams for more details.

School equipment

Several children are missing or run out of some items in their pencil case so we just wanted to send a reminder to please ensure that your child has all the equipment listed below.

- 30cm ruler
- pencil
- Green biro
- Writing pencils
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Colouring pencils
- Sharpener

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th December- Christmas lunch- children can wear a Christmas jumper (no donation required)

Friday 15th December- Class party- children to wear party clothes to school and bring an extra snack/treat in a small sandwich bag eg popcorn/ cupcake/ biscuits (no nuts please)

Tuesday 19th December- Term ends at **1.30pm**

Monday 8th January- Spring term begins

Messages

- Please record daily reading in your child's homework diary and sign at the end of the week. Many thanks to those who are doing this regularly.
- As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child has a coat in school and a pair of **grey jogging bottoms for outdoor games in their PE kit**. Please label these with your child's name.
- Your child can bring in some 'spares' clothing which can be worn at lunchtime when playing sports outside, so that their uniform doesn't get dirty, e.g. a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a jumper. These can be sent into school in a labelled plastic bag.
- A reminder that **no earrings** should be worn in school and **long hair** needs to be tied up.
- Please only send in a **healthy snack** for break time eg fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in sweets or chocolate.

Many thanks for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Frances and Corinne

Five Ways to Wellbeing



BE ACTIVE

Take some time to choose your family's Top 10 favourite songs, books or music that may be special for all sorts of different reasons.

