

Year 3 Update 12.1.24

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a big thank you to everyone for the lovely Christmas gifts, we really appreciate them all! It has been great week back in school and so nice to see everyone so well rested.

RE

In RE the children have started their learning for our new topic called Journeys. We thought about the key events that take place every year and the different seasons and how they impact our journey throughout the year. The children focused on their own year and considered the highlights of their year and any difficult times they may have experienced and strategies they can use to help with this. They also began to learn about the liturgical calendar and how it helps Christians to be close to the work of the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that throughout the seasons of the year it brings the Church family together. We will continue to learn more about the liturgical year next week.

Vocabulary: Ordinary time, Paschal triduum, Gospels, Scripture

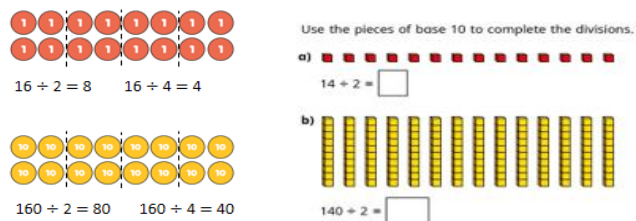
English

In English, we started our new text called 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. The focus of this text will enable the children to write their own newspaper articles, including the key features. This week, we focused on summarising a news article, the children had to read it carefully and find the key information, making sure they answered the key questions, what happened, when did it happen, where did it happen, why did it happen and who was there. They also identified the key features of news articles too. Next week, we will distinguish between key events and additional information and between factual information and opinion.

Vocabulary: _Headline, reporter, features, article, journalist, events, paragraph, headline, eyewitness

Maths

In Maths the children have started their new topic where we will focus on the different strategies we can use to help us multiply and divide numbers. This week the children revisited multiples of ten and the patterns they notice. We also looked at related calculations. Please see examples of this below.



Vocabulary: multiplication, division, array, repeated addition, equal groups, altogether

Science

The topic for science this term is *Scientists and Experiments*. This week the children have completed their pre topic Assessment and started to learn about Sir Isaac Newton and started to create a fact file including information such as his early life and his discoveries.

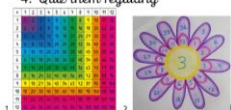
Vocabulary: gravity, scientist, newtons,

Times tables

This term there is a focus on 4 times tables. We have previously focused on 3 tables so please ensure that your child is secure in these multiplications.

You could...

1. Hang up a times table sheet¹
2. Listen to some fun times table songs
3. Draw a Waldorf multiplication flower²
4. Quiz them regularly



Homework

The homework for this week is related to the children's maths topic. Please see Teams for details

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



CONNECT

Make some 'compliment slips' for people in your family or your class or both!

Using a small slip of paper, write something positive about that person which will make them happy in this long month of January.

