



MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON  
CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Spring Term 2018 Newsletter ~ Years 3 & 4**

This term, Years 3&4 will be studying the following:

### **Numeracy (using Maths No Problem)**

- ~ Multiplication and division (both Y3&4)
- ~ Length ~Mass ~Volume ~Money (Y3)
- ~ Graphs ~Fractions ~Time ~Decimals (Y4)
- ~ and practising multiplication facts through “Times Table Rockstars”

### **Literacy**

- ~ Short story writing, “Dragon Adventure”
- ~ Storytelling Week, including Roald Dahl Day
- ~ A text-based units of work (based on our “Chocolate” theme)
- ~ Reading Explorers (a skills-based approach to group reading in class)

### **Science** (to include related **Art** and **D&T** work)

- ~ Sound (vibrations, volume, pitch)
- ~ Light (light sources, reflection, shadows)

### **History** (to include related **Geography**, **Art** and **D&T** work)

- ~ The Mayan Civilisation

### **ICT**

- ~ Research and word-processing skills
- ~ Times Table Rockstars

### **RE** Religious Festivals including:

- ~ Diwali
- ~ Eid
- ~ Passover
- ~ Easter

### **PE**

- ~ Gymnastics
- ~ Dance (culminating in a Dance Festival performance)
- ~ Games (TBA after half-term)

### **Music**

- ~ Using the “Charanga” scheme of work

### **French** (Unit entitled “Les Monstres” ~ Monsters)

- ~ Facial features
- ~ Parts of the body

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## **Homework**

**Each week**, your child will have:

**Spellings**. In lesson time, we have started to use a Scheme of Work called “No Nonsense Spellings”. This will occasionally include a homework task, but not every week. You will know if your child has got spellings homework because their black spellings folder will be in their book bag with details of their homework task inside it.

**Multiplication facts** to learn, which will be tested on various Fridays.

Your child has been given a Username & Password which will enable them to log in to Times Table Rockstars on a computer. We are trialling this program for a month (for free) before deciding whether it is worth committing to for the rest of the year [see Times Tables Rockstars letter].

**Numeracy homework**

Just as there was last term, there will be a weekly task set every Friday using the white CGP Maths Workout booklet.

**A guided reading task**

This will be a set number of pages to read, followed by a written task. After reading the set pages, your child should spend about 20 - 25 minutes on the written task, which should be completed each week, ready for next week’s reading group session.

**Independent reading**

Ideally, done on a daily basis. As children become more and more competent with their reading, it is not always necessary to hear them read aloud, although this does help them to be expressive and can help them with their comprehension. After your child has been reading (either with you or independently), it is very important to discuss and ask questions about his/her books, as this will help to develop their comprehension skills and deepen their overall understanding.

**Optional extra homework**

There will also be an optional homework task which you may wish your child to do. This will be a long-term project, to be completed over the next six weeks, based on the topic of “New Year’s Resolutions”. [Details are given in a separate letter; please return the reply slip ASAP].

It would be great if you could continue to have a close interest in your child’s homework in order to help keep them motivated, to ensure it is completed punctually and to give them help and encouragement, if required.

Many thanks

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