



MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON
CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2018 Newsletter ~ Years 3 & 4

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

Numeracy (using Maths No Problem)

- ~ Money, Time, Graphs, Fractions, Shapes (Y3)
- ~ Fractions, Time, Decimals, Money, Measures, Shape (Y4)
- ~ and practising multiplication facts through "Times Table Rockstars" (Y3&4)

Literacy

- ~ Information texts (Crazy Creatures)
- ~ Creative writing, based on Prehistoric Britain
- ~ Reading Explorers (a skills-based approach to group reading in class)

Science topic is "Plants" (to include related **Art** and **D&T** work)

- ~ flowering plants (functions of roots, stem/trunk, leaf, flower)
- ~ reproduction in flowering plants (pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal)
- ~ needs of plants (more detailed than Yr1 unit)

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

- ~ Prehistoric Britain (Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages ~ 10,000BC to 43AD)

ICT

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

RE

- ~ The Pentecost

PE

- ~ Cricket
- ~ Athletics
- ~ Rounders

Music

- ~ Charanga scheme of work: "Lean on Me"

French

- ~ "Le calendrier des fêtes" (Festivals Calendar)

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Homework

Each week, your child will have:

NO Spellings homework. Instead, during lesson time, we have been using a scheme of work called "No Nonsense Spellings". Over a period of the last 7 months, the AVERAGE improvement in each child's spelling age has been approximately 17 months (e.g. improving from a spelling age of 8 years old to that of 9 years 5 months), which I'm sure you'll agree is fantastic progress.

Multiplication facts to learn.

Your child has been given a Username & Password which will enable them to log in to Times Table Rockstars on a computer. Your child is able to access the www.trockstars.com website at home in order to practice their multiplication and division skills; please encourage them to do so!

Numeracy homework

Just as there was last term, there will be a weekly task set every Friday using the white CGP Maths Workout booklet. In school, your child is also learning a variety of Maths facts, through the SMIRF (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts) Scheme. Practising any of your child's targets at home with them would help to reinforce their learning in school.

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 their writing, which should be completed each week, ready for next week's reading group session. There are a mixture of written tasks, which are designed to get your child to use a variety of reading skills, and to encourage them to think about certain aspects of their text. This will, in turn, improve and develop their overall reading ability.

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 comprehension skills and deepen their overall understanding.

Homework Project

There will also be a longer-term homework project, to be completed over the next six weeks, based on our Science topic of "Plants" ~ see separate letter.

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

Mr. P Jelf & Mrs. J Yeadon

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