

# Year 3 Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Happy New Year and welcome back to another fantastic half-term in Year 3!

## English

This half-term we will be exploring stories from different cultures. We will begin by reading and exploring different stories from the Caribbean, based on the character 'Anansi the Spider', before writing our own versions using ideas from the Anansi stories to help us.

**You can help your child to succeed in English by:**

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly and discussing the text
- Helping them to practise their weekly spellings ready for their test on Mondays.

## Maths

In Maths we will continue to focus on multiplication and division. The children will develop their understanding of multiplication and division using practical equipment and will then learn how to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers using the formal method. We will then move onto learning how to measure properly using metres, centimetres, and millimetres. After this, we focus on length and perimeter by converting different units of measurement.

**You can help your child to succeed in Maths by:**

- Practising times tables and division facts with your child, and encouraging them to use Times Tables Rockstars at home
- Reminding your child to complete their maths homework. They are given this every Wednesday and it should be handed in by Friday.

## Topic

### Mountains

Our next topic has a geography focus. As part of this unit, the children will learn what a mountain is and the different types of mountains, including their features and how to distinguish between them. They will also learn what the climate is like at different parts of a mountain and what the advantages and disadvantages would be to live on or near a mountain.

### **Art**

In Art, we will be comparing landscape paintings by Constable and Gauguin, then using oil pastels to create a landscape picture of the Pitons in Saint Lucia in a Fauvist style.

### **P.E**

This half term we will be doing PE on Wednesdays and our unit of work is dance. Your child must bring their PE kit in every Monday. We will also be continuing with swimming every Tuesday morning. Please ensure your child comes to school on Tuesdays wearing their swimming costume under their uniform and with a towel and underwear in a bag.

### **French**

In French, the children will be learning how to ask each other their name and age and practising using the vocabulary of colours and different names of foods.

From the Year 3 team:

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