

Y3 Spring 2021

Welcome to our Spring Term in Year 3! I was so sad not to see you all at the start of January, but have loved connecting with you online. I am so impressed with the work you have been completing at home, and by how well and sensibly you have participated in our live sessions. Every Monday, I will post your week's timetable on our general channel in the class team: every day will include reading, spellings, English, Maths plus one other subject. I have also started a thread in our reading channel where you can continue to share our word wall vocabulary when you find it in your reading or elsewhere.

Reading

Continue reading independently and with an adult at home. Remember that as well as stories, this can be recipe books, magazines, instructions, and many more types of text! I will do some daily reading with you online, sometimes from our class reader, sometimes a picture book, non-fiction text or poem.

Our class reader for the half-term will be *The Iron Man*. We will do two sessions on this each week, on Monday and Thursday. These sessions will sometimes just be reading together or fluency practice: there will on occasion be comprehension questions to answer.

Phonics/English

In English, we will be reading our story about robots and writing some fiction based around this theme. We will then be working on discussion texts for our non-fiction reading and writing.

If you are accessing phonics lessons on the phonics team channel, you do not need to do the English as well, as you will be covering reading and writing in your phonics lessons. However, if you wish to, you are very welcome to do English as well.

Spellings

Words will be set for every child on Spelling-frame each week: these will be revision of the previous week's spelling rules. There will also be a daily spelling lesson on Teams.

Maths

We have started the term learning about money and will be practising using column addition and column subtraction to solve money word problems. Soon we will move on to multiplication and division. We will learn a formal method for multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, and an informal method for dividing. Then we will work with converting between

units of length (mm, cm, m, km).

Each lesson will end with a mental maths game/activity.

Other subjects

In science, we will be learning about plants: the parts of a plant and what they need to grow. Our history topic for this half-term is the Romans, and we will be doing a geography topic next half-term as well: European mountains and rivers. Our PSHE topic is relationships with others. In PE this term, the focus is on fitness and personal challenges. We will also continue to have lessons in music, art, French, computing and DT.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, especially at this challenging time: it really is appreciated and makes a huge difference.

Mrs Whiffin