

# Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be exploring a range of genres including poetry, explanations, instructions and narrative, with a focus on 'The Firework Makers Daughter'.

Within these units of work we are focusing on correctly using a range of punctuation, extending sentences with adjectives, adverbs and a range of conjunctions (because, when, if, before, after, or and also) as well as beginning to use paragraphs in our writing.

This term, our weekly spellings will continue to be assessed on Thursday. We ask that you encourage your child to focus on the spelling pattern of the word and discuss its meaning to help them use it in the correct context. Your child should have brought home a list of spellings for the whole of Term 3. A copy is also on the website.

# Reading

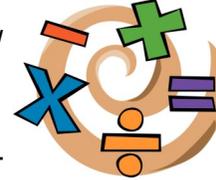
In Year 3, we work hard to improve your child's reading ability. This can only be truly successful with your support. We ask that all children read to an adult, at least **4 times a week** at home. Please record and sign this in their Reading Record. The children who read the most this term will have a chance of becoming the class reading champion. The champions will be rewarded for their reading efforts and children will work towards extra fun time Friday!

When reading at home, please ask your child a range of questions to help develop their comprehension skills.

# Maths

Across terms 3 and 4 we will be moving on to develop new skills and understanding in multiplication and division, fractions and decimals and even beginning to investigate time.

By now your child should know the 3 and 4 times table by rapid recall (off by heart). Please encourage your child to continue to practise these as well as learning the 8 times table. Children will be tested on these regularly and will regularly practise in school.



To support your child in learning their times tables they could play TT Rock Stars or Hit the Button on the Topmarks website. They could also download the MathsRockx app in order to practise the times table songs as these are very popular in school.

# Writing

Focused writing lessons will continue to take place every 2 weeks. Each will focus around a text type that we have been exploring in class the week or two prior to the big write session. This is an independent write however the children can use plans that they have made in order to support their ideas.



# Science

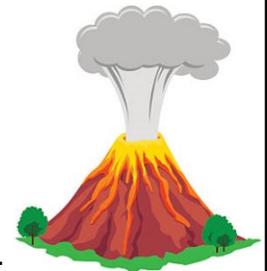
During Terms 3 and 4 in science we will be studying 'Rocks and Soils' and 'Plants'. Our first unit will focus on the formation of the three main types of rock (igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary) and we will be testing the properties of rocks and soils, including how permeable they are.



# Topic

Our Geography topic this term will be 'Extreme Earth' with a focus on mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will explore how each feature occurs through discussion about tectonic plates.

In term 4, our topic will focus more specifically on our own locality of Bicester, including where Bicester is within the world and within the UK. The children will also study the human and physical features of the school and surrounding areas as well as trade



# Dates for the diary

<b>January</b>	
<b>30th</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>February</b>	
<b>3rd</b>	PTA Disco
<b>10th</b>	KMS Got Talent
<b>10th</b>	Last day of term
<b>20th</b>	Back to school
<b>23th</b>	Guided Reading Information Evening
<b>March</b>	
<b>17th</b>	Comic Relief
<b>27th</b>	Spelling Bee
<b>27th</b>	Parents Evening
<b>28th</b>	Maths Bee
<b>28th</b>	Parents Evening
<b>31st</b>	Year 3 Easter Service
<b>31st</b>	Last day of term

# Equipment

## PE Kit:

Please ensure your child has the following items:

- Trainers
- Black/dark blue jogging bottoms
- Black/dark blue shorts
- A white tee-shirt or a King's Meadow Sports top
- Black/dark blue jumper

In term 3, outdoor PE will take place on a Monday and a Thursday meaning that full PE kit will be need to be worn on these days.

## Water bottles

Please could you provide your child with a clear plastic water bottle, which can then be accessible in their classroom. There are many health and learning benefits from children being sufficiently hydrated and unfortunately we are unable to provide cups of water during lessons.

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