

What's going on in Year 3?

This page aims to give information about the subject areas that your child will be covering in class. This information is for the week commencing: Monday 19th February 2018

English

This week, the children will write their own story using key elements from the Iron Man story. They will decide on their own central character, who initially people are scared of. The focus will be on how children solve the problem that this character is causing so that they start to be seen in a new light.

The children will carefully plan each section and then write it, thinking about the language they have chosen, their spelling and punctuation, and how they develop the characters.

Phonics & Handwriting

This is the second week of our learning around adding the suffix *ly* to words where the root word changes.

Eg: *happy—happily*

Usual—usually

gentle—gently

basic—basically

The children will engage in different spelling and handwriting activities linked to this spelling rule.

Their individual spellings may include some words following these rules, but will primarily focus on key words (taken from the high frequency word lists and their own English books).

Maths

We will continue to learn about multiplication and division this week, focusing specifically on multiplying and dividing by 8. The children will solve real life problems by applying their knowledge, thinking carefully about what the question is asking and the best strategy to find the answer. If faced with a number sentence that they do not yet know by heart, we will encourage them to think about what they do know, e.g. 'I know $10 \times 8 = 80$, so I can just subtract 8 to find 9×8 ' as opposed to counting all the way through. They will also look at problems that involve related facts, such as $6 \times 4 = 24$, so $6 \times 40 = 240$.

Mental maths test

The mental maths test this week will focus on the **8x tables**. The children need to develop an instant recall of these out of sequence. They are also expected to apply this knowledge to answer division related questions. e.g. $3 \times 8 = 24$, so I also know $24 \div 8 = 3$.

There are lots of online games to help practise these facts if you want some different ways to learn them at home (see the home learning).

Topic

We will spend time this week recapping all of the knowledge that we have gained about life in Ancient Egypt times.

The children will choose at least one area to focus on and present what they know in a PowerPoint.

Spellings

Please find time to help your child practise their spellings. These words are sometimes taken from their own English books, or are from the key word lists.

If they want an extra challenge, please look at the word lists emailed home. The children have 2 weeks to practise these words at home and in class, but they **must bring in their spelling book to school every day** as we use it for different activities.