

Term 1 Newsletter 'How has electricity changed our lives?



Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a great summer holiday! This term, our topic is 'How has electricity changed our lives?' The children will be finding out about the famous physicists Benjamin Franklin, Allessandro Volta, Andre Marie Ampere and their contribution to the world of electricity. Our first class text is 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister, followed by 'The Iron man' by Ted Hughes. Both books will further immerse the children in captivating stories, linked to our topic. In science and D.T, the children will learn about lights and circuits, participating in explorative projects to create their own working torch and light-up box.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.	
Spellings	Spelling will be set every Monday, and your child will be tested on the spelling on the next Monday.	
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. Their will be a sheet in their homework books explaining which activity to do each week during the term.	
Times Tables	Each child will have a Times Table Rock stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week.	

Helping to enrich our topics

The learning map (see below) outlines the curriculum areas, topics, teacher-focussed activities and group work the children will experience over this term. It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic. So, if you have anything to share that may help us to enhance children's learning of this term's theme, then please do let us know!

Useful Websites:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs

https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-electricity

https://superbrainybeans.com/science/electricity/year-3-4/

https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/electricity/circuits/

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- What is a circuit?
- Can you name a famous physicist? What did they discover?
- Which materials are good conductors/insulators?
- What items do you need to create a complete circuit?

Additionally, the children have access to Purple Mash where they will find topic related activities to complete.

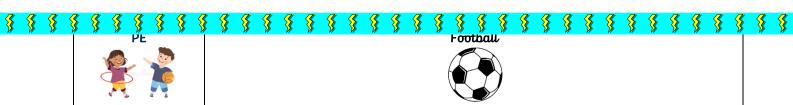
<u>Reminders</u> – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and a coat. PE is on a Wednesday. On this day, please send your child in wearing their PE kit, in line with school policy.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Boswell and Miss Benkel

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Science		Circuits and Electricity	
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D.T	Structures		
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Geography	How do geographers describe our world? How are places related?		
PSHE		Being me in the world	
Computing	Online Safety		
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RE	What do Hindus believe God is like?		
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Music	Exploring Percussion		



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