



Term 3 Newsletter

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a restful break and a lovely Christmas! We are lucky this term to be welcoming a new adult into the classroom, Mrs Newman, we look forward to her supporting us with our learning. This term, we are starting a new topic based around 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'. We will explore a variety of classic texts by travelling back in time to the Victorian Era with entering the eventful lives of Bobbie, Peter and Phyllis in *The Railway Children* by Edith Nesbit and experiencing the world from a much smaller viewpoint with *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. As a guided reading text we shall be sharing *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens.

We would love to have some 'Mystery Readers' come in to share their favourite books with the class so if you would like to come in and read either an extract, or a whole short story, to the class, please do come and speak with us!

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure it is signed and dated.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Thursday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday . Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths' for Year 5. Year 6 will have work set from their homework books. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first on My Maths or they can ask in school.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around 40 minutes.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them. We will continue with our weekly **topic based** show and tell weekly slots, see below for your child.

Week 1 Friday 7th January - Year 5 boys

Week 2 Friday 14th January - Year 6 girls

Week 3 Friday 21st January - Year 5 girls

Week 4 Friday 28th January - Year 6 boys

Please not this will be instead of show and tell.

Reminders - Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat. Year 5 and 6 have PE on a Monday, but please make sure they have a full kit in school every day.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

www.purplemash.org.uk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zch4wxs>

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

How many counties are there in England?

What are your goals?

What is a force?

What is your favourite book and why?

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Williams, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Burns, Mrs Yates, Mrs Champion and Mrs Newman

