

Tropical Birds, Year 3 and 4

Autumn Term 2 2018

Invasion



Literacy

We are focusing on the book 'Invasion'. Children will be taught a range of literacy skills surrounding this text. We will be focusing on narrative to develop creative writing including the use of grammar in character descriptions, ambitious vocabulary and sentence structures. We will be introducing non chronological report writing, looking at the features of non chronological report writing and presenting reports in different formats using ICT.

We will end the term celebrating Christmas through poetry.

Reading

Guided reading sessions will develop the children's inference and deduction skills, while building their confidence with reading.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on securing the children's understanding of place value and developing written addition and subtraction. In Year 3, the children will be learning multiplication and division method and applying them to word problems, we will be learning about units of measure and applying these in a practical way. In Year 4, the children will be focusing on multiplication to four digits as well as problem solving using and applying these skills, we will be learning about the units of measure and converting them within word problems.

Curriculum foci

History: We are learning about the Battle of Hastings and how the Norman Invasion contributed to the changes to British History

PSHE: We are following the Jigsaw programme for PSHE and this term we are focusing on families

RE: Should Christians Worship Mary? We are exploring this key question

D&T: Design and make a Norman Helmet using different modelling approaches

Science: What is the best material for armour? Exploring materials and their properties, determining what materials would be suitable for armour through fair testing

ICT: Children will learn how to present information using Powerpoint and Word

Forest Schools

Macaw Class will be learning outdoor skills through Forest schools this half term. A letter has been sent to all parents of Macaw, please ensure that children are provided with wellington boots and warm coats.

Homework

This term we are focusing on spellings, times tables and reading daily. When reading with your child please record this in the diary provided. Ensure that you ask lots of questions about what they have read, take time to support them by discussing vocabulary and how this supports answering questions. The homework will come home on **Friday** and be returned on **Thursday**

Reminders

All children need to have their P.E kits in school **every Monday and take them home on Friday**. Library books also need to be in school on your child's library day so that they can be changed regularly.

Flamingo class have PE every **Wednesday and** visit the library every **Monday**.

Macaw class have PE every **Monday pm**, and visit the library every **Monday**.

Hummingbird class have PE every **Monday** and visit the library every **Tuesday**.

Snacks

Children may bring in a piece of fruit, some vegetable snacks, dried fruit or a fruit bar to have at morning break but please do not send in anything which contains nuts due to allergies within school.

Important Dates for your diary:

15 th November	Poetry Competition
16 th November	Poetry Festival
15 th – 20 th November	Book Fair
22 nd November	Caldecotte Xperience Information Meeting for Year 3 Parents
10 th December	Flu immunisations
14 th December	Christingle Service
14 th December	Candlelit Carols at St Mary's Church, Bletchley



Advance Notice

As part of our Spring Topic we are planning a trip to Cadbury World. The cost will be £16.60 per child. You are welcome to start to pay this in instalments and spread the cost.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs L. Ryan, Ms Rusnakova, Mrs Robinson, Mr Ripley and Miss Horvath.