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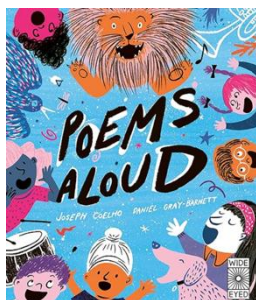
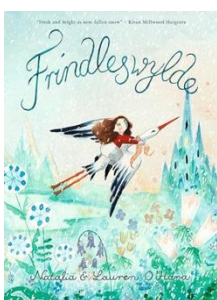
Dear parents and carers,

We want to begin this newsletter with saying what a wonderful term of learning we've just had; we all enjoyed ancient Egyptian day, especially seeing everyone's pyramids. Thank you so much for your support with making this an enjoyable experience.



Reading

In Reading, we will be continuing to explore texts as a whole class and focusing on the VIPERS skills. We will be using the text, 'Frindleswyld' for most of the term, which is a wintery fantasy tale, reminiscent of a Grimm's fairy tale. We will then be exploring some myths and legends short stories. We will finish the term off reading 'Poems Aloud'.



Writing

This term, 'Frindleswyld' will be inspiring our writing, beginning with a setting description. Over the next two weeks, the children will be writing persuasively in role as one of the characters. In the last few weeks of term, children will be taking themes and characters from the text to create their own sequels to the story. We are making handwriting a big focus and ensuring that we

have focused five-minute daily sessions, revisiting and practicing joins from year two, ensuring that the children are prioritising presentation and joining letters accurately.

Maths

In Maths we follow the White Rose small steps, starting this term with length and perimeter, followed by fractions, then moving on to mass and capacity. We are attaching workbooks related to these units, these will give you an idea of what and how your children will be learning, but please bear in mind, that we do adapt Whiterose materials to suit the needs of our learners and adapt our teaching as needed. These can still be a useful tool to pre-teach to support your child's learning or do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning, but please don't panic if your child is unsure about a question or method, it may be that we haven't covered it yet or have approached it in a different way. We are continuing our multiplication programme which will be taught in discrete fluency sessions. These will be daily 10-minute lessons that will involve chanting and daily workbook practice as children come into class in the morning. We will have displays and resources in the classroom to support children in learning their tables. We are focussing on the two-times tables, and ensuring children have time to practice their speed and fluent recall of these facts, as well as focusing on the commutative and division expressions associated with these facts. Your children should all have their TTRS log in to use for their home learning. Please make sure if you have the app that you make sure to update it regularly, so that you are using the most current version. Please contact the office if you are missing your child's log in, as they will have all the details. Numbots focuses on addition and subtraction fluency, and it is imperative that children are secure with their number bonds of single digits, tens, twenty and a hundred to support them in their next steps in their learning. <https://trockstars.com/>

Wider Curriculum

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about the human body, specifically about skeletal structures and muscles, building on from their learning in Year 2. At the end of term, we will begin learning about light. In Geography, the children will be learning about rivers and further developing their mapping skills. We will be visiting Deptford Creek, which will be a fantastic way to consolidate the learning from this term. In DT, over the next two terms, children will be learning about and creating their own bridges using a range of materials. In Computing, we will be continuing to explore coding through Lego robotics. In RE, the children will be continuing to learn about Christianity, specifically learning about different denominations. We will be visiting St George's Church to help deepen our learning. In Spanish, children will be learning about musical instruments. In PSHE, we will be discussing a range of topics including communities, stereotypes, and the environment. In PE, children will be swimming until the end of the school year. Mrs Rowe's class swim on Wednesdays and Mr Stoodley's class on Thursdays. On swimming days we need to leave promptly at 9am, so please ensure children continue to come in ready, with their costumes under their clothes, and a bag for anything they'll need to change. Our other weekly PE lesson is Tag Rugby. Tag Rugby takes place outdoors on Tuesdays, so please make sure your child is dressed in warm, comfortable clothes on PE days.

Key Dates:

- Thursday 6th March: World book day. Dress up as a favourite character, author or something which shows a love of stories and books!
- Friday 7th March: St George's Church trip. This is a morning trip, so lunch is at school as normal.
- Wed 26th March: Book fair. Suggested contribution of £3. FoH will pay the surplus book cost.
- Friday April 4th: Deptford Creek trip – a packed lunch is needed.

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office on hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,
Mrs Rowe and Mr Stoodley