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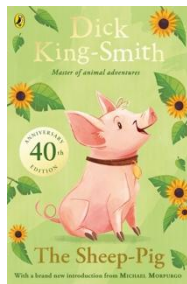
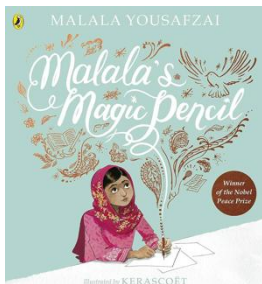


Summer 1 Newsletter Year 3

Dear parents and guardians,

Please see information below about a very busy last term of learning!

Literacy



In Reading and Writing, we have begun the term with 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. The children will be using this text and their learning about Malala, to write their own persuasive speech about all children having the right to education. They will be using literary features such as rhetorical questions and the power of three to make their writing persuasive and convincing.

For the remainder of the term, the children will be reading Dick King Smith's classic novel, 'The Sheep-Pig'. Please make sure children don't read this independently at home, as we will be delving into all reading skills (including prediction). We will use this text as inspiration for character descriptions and a news report.

Art's Week

For this year's Art's festival Year 3 have been assigned the continent 'Europe' as their theme. For this, they will be studying English artist Nadia Koo, who uses bright colours, bold brush strokes and vivid patterns within their work. Using this as inspiration, the children will be creating individual self-portraits and will also work together as a class to create a canvas of vibrant plants and flowers.

Maths

In Maths this term, we follow the White Rose small steps and are beginning with learning about time. The children will be revisiting o'clock and half past, progressing onto quarter past and quarter to, telling the time to the nearest minute, finding durations of time, converting clocks to digital time and finally learning how to read clocks with Roman Numerals on! To help children consolidate this learning, it would be fantastic to review and practise time at home as much as possible. After time, children will be learning shape, revisiting their 2D and 3D shape knowledge from Year 2 and building on this by learning about turns, angles and other shape vocabulary, including parallel and perpendicular. We will end the term on statistics, focusing on pictograms and bar charts. 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 by incorporating the five times tables. Their daily sessions also include revision of the two and square times tables. The children are learning to recognise their times tables in division facts. Please continue to practise this at home using TTRS. White Rose One-Minute-Maths is another great free resource that requires no log in, where children can practise these number facts.

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 learning about plants; specifically thinking about the parts of a plant and the life cycle of plants. We have a range of interesting investigations planned! In History, we are building on our learning about Admiral Nelson from Year Two. In RE, we are continuing our learning on Buddhism. In PSHE, children will be learning about healthy choices for our body and mind. We will be discussing the importance of physical activity, screen time, and sleep. In Spanish, children will be learning about ice cream, ending the term in an ice cream shop role play. Following Arts Fortnight, in Art, we are studying Picasso in the last four weeks of term, creating our own self-portraits out of salt dough and learning about his famous 'blue' period. In PE, children will be swimming until the final week. Please ensure children continue to come in ready, with their costumes under their clothes, and a bag for anything they'll need to change. Children will focus on some athletic skills in outdoor PE, such as hurdles and sprints. This term, Mr Stoodley's outdoor PE is on Tuesdays and Mr Rowe's is on Fridays. It would be preferable not to send your child in with tights/dresses on this day and make sure they have comfortable clothing and shoes. Alternatively, you could send your child in with an extra pair of leggings or shorts to keep in their box.

Key Dates:

Monday 23rd June Mr. Stoodley's school trip to Tower Bridge

Tuesday 24th June Mrs. Rowes school trip to Tower Bridge

Tuesday 8th July Sutcliffe Park Whole School Sports Day (info coming soon)

Wednesday 9th July Open parents evening

Friday 18th July Last day

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