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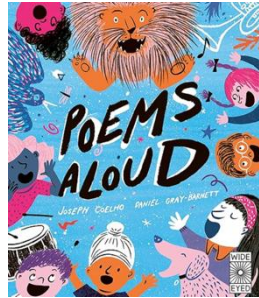
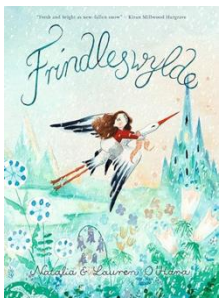
Spring 2 – Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I want to begin this newsletter with saying what a wonderful term of learning we've just had; we all enjoyed ancient Egyptian day, all the effort made by parents who made the day an amazing success.

Reading

In Reading, we will be continuing to explore texts as a whole class and reinforcing our knowledge of our VIPERS skills. We will be using the text, 'Frindleswylde' at the start 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

At the start of the term, 'Frindleswylde' will be inspiring our writing, beginning with a setting description. Over the rest of the term we will be exploring some more fantasy-based texts, 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 a mythical story.

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. 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. 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. We will continue delivering our Zones of Regulation session which provides a framework to help children identify their emotions, understand how their feelings influence their behaviour, and use strategies to manage their emotional state.



In PE, children will be swimming until the end of the school year. Miss Cole's class swim on Wednesdays and Mr Lowson'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 will be athletics. This session will take place outdoors on Tuesdays and Wednesday, so please make sure your child is dressed

in warm, comfortable clothes on PE days.

Key Dates:

Monday 2nd -6th March: Lots of fun activities planned!

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,

Miss Cole.