

English: We will start this half term by using our residential trip as a stimulus for writing a recount. We have written recounts before, so we will be asking the children to put what they have learnt into practice. Using iPads, the children will create slideshows of the residential trip, they will use Comic-life to text map their trip and they will video each other being interviewed about their favourite times. All of this material will then be used to guide and focus the children with their writing.

Our other genre of writing will be 'explanation' or a narrative based on our class book 'The Magician's Nephew.' This decision will be made in a week or two and will depend on the children's response to the book. Our author focus will be C.S Lewis. All of the children have a login and username to login to SPELLODROME. SPELLODROME will be kept up to date with words that focus on the weekly spelling rule and can be accessed from home. We will be celebrating your child's spelling success on SPELLODROME in class.

Music

This term our topic will be 'Dragon Scales'. This will involve exploring melodies and scales. We will also be singing songs from "Joseph" and performing Clockwork Calypso on percussion.

P.E.

This term, our class will be swimming every Tuesday and so will need to have their appropriate kit in school. They will continue to be assessed and work in small groups towards their own individual targets. **Athletics** The children will be practising their track and field skills. This will include racing (long and short distance), throwing, jumping and rounders.

Maths:

This term we will be doing a lot of consolidation work. We will be revisiting areas such as rounding, fractions, formal methods of addition and subtraction, angles and time. With regards to the latter area (time), if your child has a watch, please encourage him/her to wear it as this will help immensely as they familiarise themselves with how a watch measures time; the function of the second, minute and hour hand. Times tables will continue to be a big focus; your support in helping your child to learn these is greatly appreciated. Some websites that may be useful are
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>
<http://www.multiplication.com>

Is it a kind of magic?

Class 3



French

'Les Sports' - we will be learning the names for some sports and the main parts of the body until the end of the academic year. We will talk about likes and dislikes, give opinions and use adjectives to describe feelings.

PSHE

Our PSHE theme this term will be 'Relationships.' The children will think about the important people in their lives, we will talk about people we no longer see and address the cycle of life and death.

Science

This term we are going to be getting the children excited about science. We will be making things float, pop, explode and move - as if by magic! The children will access a number of science-based websites using the iPads to help them discover how and why things happen. They will have a go at a variety of experiments and change variables to see if it makes a difference to the outcome. We have organised a visit from Sergeant Cox (An Airframe/Propulsion Technician from RAF Brize Norton) to come and talk about how planes fly - and we will then have our own 'flying competition'. Using the iPads, the children will create comic strips and video's explaining how to carry out an experiment; these videos can then be accessed by another class and used in their science lessons.

R.E.

We will be studying the Hindu festival of Holi. Our focus will be on the history of the festival, the traditions and how it is celebrated today. Our big question will be - Does good always win over evil?