

Year 3/4 News

Thursday 19th October 2023

What a wonderful week!

Another wonderful week in our lovely unit! We were so impressed with the children writing their own explanations for gadgets and for learning new spellings with such eagerness! :) We are so looking forward to next half term with lots of super exciting learning coming up! We shall throw ourselves into being Geographers and will be going on a virtual safari to Europe! We are going to learn clay techniques and create some amazing sculptures. In PE, we will be learning some seriously tricky gymnastics routines swinging and hanging off the apparatus and use our brilliant field space for athletics. This and lots more -Super exciting!

SUBJECT SPECIFIC VOCABULARY

Each week we will share vocabulary linked to the learning we have planned for the coming week. It is really helpful for the children to become familiar with some of these words before they meet them in their lessons. There is no need to produce any work linked to these words, a conversation at home about the words would be brilliant!

Words for this week:

Word of the day: fugitives, foreign, airship, shabby, battered

HOME LEARNING

Reading – If you have any queries about your child's reading, please use the Reading Records to pass on any comments to the teacher. **Children should aim to read at home for 15-20mins daily.** This may be reading to an adult or independent reading. Please record reading in the green reading record.

Spellings – This week we have revised two spellings of the 'ay' sound (/ei/ and /eigh/). Please could practise the spellings attached.

Maths – Activities will be set on MyMaths each week to follow up in class learning or revisit key skills. Children should spend no more than 30mins per week on these tasks. This week, there is an activity for both year groups based on mental addition and subtraction.

Times tables – Times tables are key to so many areas of maths so we would like children to try to spend a little bit of time practising regularly - every day if possible! Children can log on at <https://play.trockstars.com> and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. Also, Year 4 children will have a National Times Tables test in June and it is really great to see and hear lots of children telling us how much they are practising their tables at home! Well done!

Optional Extras – Sometimes children are keen to do something extra linked to their learning. We will give ideas but there is no requirement to complete these tasks. You may want to have a go at writing your own explanation for something like we have done this week or another invention! Alternatively, you could research the Ancient Egyptians' everyday lives in preparation for our non-chronological report writing after half term break.

NOTICES

Should you need to speak to us about something in the morning, please can we ask that you either send us a dojo or contact the office, as we are eager to be with the class and use this early morning period as a learning session. Thank you!

It has been wonderful to see the children's independence grow so rapidly this term. Well done for arriving on time and settling quickly into our Earlybird workouts in all our classrooms! :)



Words with the digraph 'ei' and tetragraph 'eigh'

vein

weigh

eight

neighbour

sleigh

reign

freight

reins

veil

eighteen
