

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 2nd December 2016

Homework

The children's homework this week is linked to our English. Since the beginning of the year, we have learnt about different features of story writing. This week the children will need to recall these to write about a given situation. The children have an extract where they are the character and the scene has been set. Their task is to write about what will happen when they come across the tree, including adjectives, speech (with inverted commas), conjunctions and correct punctuation.

This needs to be completed by **Wednesday 7th December**.

Maths:

In maths this week, we have been learning about weight and how to read a scale. We have been reading scales with different intervals, which means that we had to work out what the different measurements might be. We found that this can be quite tricky! By the end of the week we were much more confident with this. We have also been practising our column addition and subtraction to solve weight problems.

RE:

This term we have been learning about Judaism and some of the important festivals that are celebrated. We have learnt about why festivals such as Hanukkah, Passover and the Sabbath are celebrated. We have also learnt about how these are celebrated, for example, the food that eaten from the Seder plate during Passover and the preparations for the Sabbath. We have found this very interesting and have been able to discuss the different aspects confidently.

Science:

We have been learning about the properties of different rocks. We have found out that the main feature that is considered before using a rock for building is whether it is permeable or not.

We know that permeable means that the rock will absorb the water and non-permeable means that it will not. We compared different rocks and looked at other properties such as whether it is hard wearing or whether it will float.

English:

In English, we have been learning about instructions and their features. We have used the plans and cleaning kits that we created last week to write our own set of instructions.

We thought carefully about what we needed to include and how to set it out. When we continued to write our instructions we also learnt about the importance of re-reading our work to make sure that we have not missed any of the steps.

Spellings:

The spellings this week are all based on the "in" prefix. The children were given their spelling lists yesterday (Thursday), which have all of their spellings, as well as two from the year 3/4 list.

