

Year 3 Newsletter

Week Ending 16th June 2017

Home learning

The children's home learning this week is, to create a poster about what they have been learning in maths recently. The children have looked at fractions (adding, subtracting, comparing, ordering, fractions of amounts or equivalent fractions) and multiplication methods (grid and short multiplication). They will need to choose at least one of these to create a poster about, explaining what they have learnt and showing examples of their chosen topic. This will be due in on **Wednesday 21st June**.

Maths:

In maths this week, the children have been revising their learning of multiplication methods. The children have been reviewing different methods to help them with multiplying 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

They have practised the grid method, where they need to partition the 2-digit number and use their times tables facts to support them, as well as a short method of multiplication, which is more like their column methods. The children have all taken to the method well and have been able to solve a range of problems that they have been presented with, using one of these two methods.

Science

This week they have been looking at the different parts of a plant, labelling them and thinking about their functions. The children have focused on the roots this week.

They know that the roots are responsible for anchoring the plant to the ground, as well as absorbing all of the water and minerals from the soil.

They had the opportunity to look at a plant root through a microscope and were amazed by what they could see at 100x zoom. The children could identify the root hairs that help to expand the surface area.



Spellings:

The spellings this term have been changed. The children will be bringing a list home with examples of all of the spelling rules, as well as some words from the Year 3/4 list. Each week some of the words will be chosen and the children will be tested on these. We will also be looking at how the children apply these spellings in their work.



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RE:

This week the children visited Chatham Memorial Synagogue. Their behaviour whilst we were there was fantastic and they represented the school beautifully. They all asked interesting questions to deepen their understanding of Judaism.

They learnt lots of new facts about the faith and the important beliefs that they hold. Some of the children had the opportunity to read an extract from the Torah, before listening to how it should be read in Hebrew.

