

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Week Ending 12th May 2017

### Homework

This week in Maths, the children have been learning about time. The children's homework this week is on Mymaths, for which the children are bringing their log-ins home with them today. The children have a time activity to complete, where they will be focusing on the skill of reading and showing the time on different types of clocks. They have been using these skills in the classroom and this will give them the opportunity to continue to use these. This needs to be completed by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

### English:

This week in English, the children have continued to learn about adventure stories. They have been reading an example text: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and have been thinking about how the characters might have changed. This week they have been focusing heavily on the SPaG areas that they needed to revise. The children have learnt the difference between different sentence structures, as well as practising how to use subordinate clauses in their sentences. They understand that a subordinate clause helps to add additional detail to the sentence, but would not make sense if it was made into a sentence on its own. Now we know how to use these, it is important for the children to show off their new skill in their writing! They also revised how to punctuate direct speech. They were able to recall the rules and with practice, could apply these to a conversation that they had written between two characters from the class story.

### Maths:

In maths this week, the children have continued their revision of time. They have used their knowledge to read different clocks and have really gained confidence with this!

Now they have moved onto learning about Roman numerals and now recognise the numerals for the numbers 1-12. The children can then use this knowledge to read different times from the clocks.

They then moved onto looking at time problems, thinking about how to work out a duration of an event. This seemed daunting to start with, but after discussions and examples solved together, all of the children could use a numberline to solve the problems. They learnt that it was very important to read the question carefully!

### Spellings:

The spellings this week are words that use ou sounded as u. The children were given their spelling lists yesterday (Thursday). We will be having our spelling test next Thursday.



### Topic/ Art

The children have been learning about the Amazon rainforest and some of the animals that can be found there. As part of the topic, the children will be using this knowledge to create their own rainforest animal mask.

They have looked at the colours that the animals have very carefully and have used these in their designs for their creations. They will begin to create their masks next week.

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