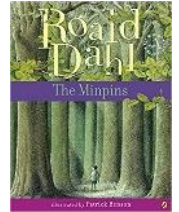


Year 3 Newsletter

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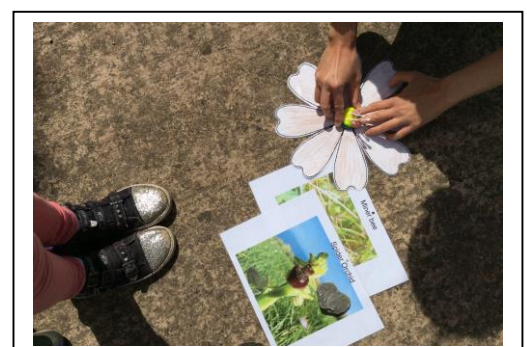
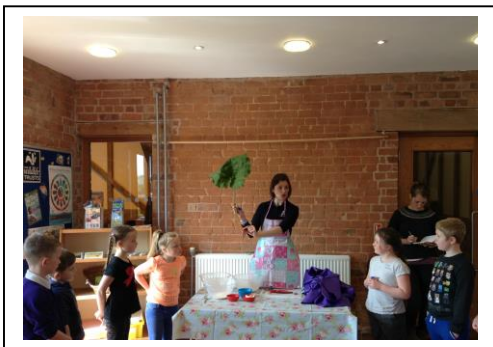
The Minpins

This half term we have been contacted by Puffin Publishers who have asked us to help them design a new book cover in the style of Quentin Blake. The children have been busy using their art skills to design their cover and have used their painting skills to create water colour effects. In our reading time, we have been finding out about the Minpins and the Gruncher. We have been answering questions and justifying our opinions. In our writing, we have been learning to paragraph information and the children have written persuasive pieces based on their opinions of the actions of the characters.



Trip to Lower Smite Farm

On May 8th, we were fortunate to be able to visit Lower Smite Farm near Droitwich. During our visit, each class had the opportunity to dissect a flower and learn about the different parts. Locating the parts was tricky because they were so small but we were all successful. DT and maths skills were used during the rhubarb crumble making session, as we needed to measure our ingredients carefully and use our chopping skills for the rhubarb. The tasting session was fantastic too! Different experiments in the garden area tested our science skills as we needed to find out which type of soil was the best for growing plants. Lettuces were measured, soil was tested and even worms were charmed! We were very proud of all the children for their excellent behaviour. Well done Year 3!



Supporting learning at home

It is important that the children spend time at home practising their reading, spellings and times tables. Targets can be found in communication books.

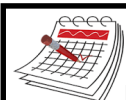
In class, we are learning about fractions in maths. Can you talk about finding a half, a quarter, a third, sixth or even an eighth of objects at home? Pizza night is a good way to do this.

This online game is also really useful to help with learning times tables:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

In reading, can children identify paragraphs in the book? We are concentrating on these in our writing sessions.

Remember to keep reading at home and bring your library and home reading books in to change.



Dates for your diary

TED day – 5th June

School closed for General Election – 8th June

Outdoor Sports Event – 16th June 2017 (to be confirmed)

Open Day – 23rd June

Outdoor PE kits are needed in school at all times so please ensure your child has their full kit available.

Attendance

Attendance and lateness is monitored frequently as it is of significant importance to support our pupils to make the best progress possible. Unfortunately, we have had an increase in lateness over the past few weeks. On occasions this has been due to children having appointments during the school day. We ask that routine appointments are booked for after school or during holidays.

Your support in this matter is really appreciated. Thank you.

Summer is here

As we are now in the summer term, hopefully we will start to see some sunshine. Please can all children bring a water bottle to school. It is important to keep hydrated on warm days, and water helps our brains to work more effectively too.

Think of the Month.



Is it ever right to bully a bully?

When thinking about your response, think about:

*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

Answers on the Think board please!