



Kingfishers'



Ask Me About Newsletter

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What have we been up to this half term?

English

In English this half term, we have looked at 'Omar, the Bees and Me' for the majority of the term. This text inspired a retell, diary entry, and a persuasive letter to Ms Keeling to ask for a wildflower garden at the school. Through these pieces of writing we added: use of a comma after a fronted adverbial, time adverbials and causal conjunctions to our year 3 checklist. The book also inspired Lucas to make the honey cake from the recipe in the back of the book! We were all lucky enough to have a piece. We have finished the term with one of my favourite texts of the year 'The Lost Words', where we have created acrostic poems inspired by elements of local nature. We included lots of figurative language, as well as a new skill of two adverbs in a sentence.

Maths

In maths, we moved onto the unit of mass and capacity. We have learn how to read scales by counting the intervals, how to measure mass in grams and to measure volume in millilitres and litres. Reading scales is a tricky thing to do, but year 3 took it in their stride! Then we moved onto our second fractions unit of finding a fraction of a set amount, as well as adding and subtracting fractions. Year 3 appear to really enjoy fractions and were very sad to see the end of the unit! We have finished this half term off by looking at time, as per my parent mail, this seems to be a weak area with this class, so any help over the half term to get the children up to speed would be muchly appreciated.

Science

In science, we finished our unit on light with an experiment on shadows. Then we moved onto our plants unit. We have looked at the parts of plants, including the reproductive organs, the pollination cycle and seed dispersal, as well as how plants transport water.

This has tied in really nicely with our art on plants, as well as our text 'Omar, the Bees and me'.

Geography

In geography this term we have spent a lot of time with atlases and maps of the UK. Throughout the term we have looked at the countries, cities and counties of the UK, as well as the difference between the UK and Great Britain. We will keep revisiting this throughout next term too, to make sure the knowledge sticks! We also had a look at topographical maps, and the hills, mountains, oceans, and rivers of the UK

Art

In art we have been growing our skills as young artists. This means we started by learning how to sketch by finding different shapes in what we are drawing. Next, we learnt how to create tone in drawings by adding shade and light. Then we looked at adding texture to pictures by using texture rubbings, we then tore up our rubbings to create a picture from them, ranging from flowers to hedgehogs! We finished our unit by recreating botanical drawings and abstract flowers inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe.

What are we up to next half term?

English

In English we will be starting the term off with one of my favourites, 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival, this will inspire a retell and we will be revisiting our fiction writing, especially punctuating direct speech. Then we will be looking at a myth of the South Downs for two weeks. As we will be looking at forces and magnets, we will be creating a biography of Isaac Newton. Before finishing off the year with a guide to year three for the year twos. We will increase our skills by adding the following to our checklist:

- Present perfect tense
- Adverbials and conjunctions of place
- Time prepositions
- Possessive apostrophe

Maths

In maths, we will finish our unit on time. This will include reading time on a digital clock (12 hour), hours, days, months and years, and working out start/end times and durations. We will then move onto shape, this will include looking at angles, horizontal and vertical lines, parallel and perpendicular lines and recognising/drawing 2D/3D shapes.

Science

In science, we will start the term off by starting a growing experiment with plants that we will finish at the end of term. We will then move onto forces and magnets and finish off with a unit on biodiversity.

Kind regards,
Miss Johanson

Ongoing Learning	
Reading	Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary.
Maths	We will be continuing the Mighty Multiples Challenges this year. Times Table Rock Star logins have gone out, please let Miss Johanson know if you require another username and password slip.
English	Weekly spellings
Topic	The children will receive HVPs for their efforts, so please encourage them to have a go at this.