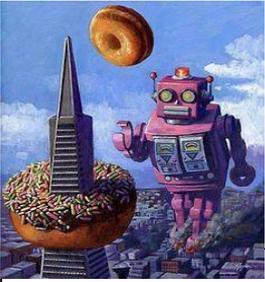
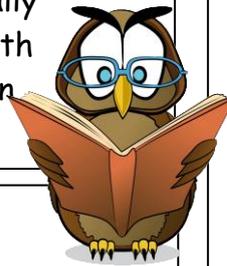


Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2018



Spring Term

The children have made a good start to the new term and have been thinking about what they need to do to really improve their learning skills. This is a very important term and we have some hard work ahead but we know that they will rise to the challenge! Our topic this half-term is 'Robots'. Designing and building robots is a subject which we hope will bring both excitement and knowledge into the classroom environment in a fun and unique way. We will also be looking at the work of the artist Eric Joyner whose engaging and rather unusual work characteristically features robots and doughnuts - both subjects that we think will entertain and engage the children!



English

We will be looking at the story of The Iron Man and thinking about the characters in the story and the devices and vocabulary that the author uses to bring them to life. We are particularly focussing on comprehension skills this term and talking with your child about what they are reading - exploring vocabulary and themes and ideas in stories and poems, is invaluable in developing your child's comprehension skills. A visit to the library will also always be a useful experience and we enjoy sharing books that children have brought in from home.

We also have a big focus on spellings in Year 3 and it is essential that they are practised every day. Remember - practice makes perfect!



Maths

We continue to follow the Inspire Maths programme and our work this term will focus multiplication and division by 6,7,8 and 9 and we will be learning about time. The children also need to continue to work on their MACs targets, practising times tables and other basic maths skills which underpin and support success across the maths curriculum so we have a busy term ahead! Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to know more.



Homework

Thank you for your continued support with homework. We cannot stress enough what a difference it makes when children receive regular support at home. As well as practising spellings and working on their MACs books, daily reading is also particularly important. Children now have the opportunity to bring home school library books but should also continue to choose the banded reading books from the boxes in the corridor to practise their reading at an appropriate level.

Swimming and PE

PE this term will be on Wednesday mornings. PE kit should include suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. We will also be swimming again on Thursday afternoons this half term so please can we ask that you ensure that kit is in school, hair tied back and earrings removed on swimming days. Thanks!

