

ALKELDA

newsletter



WE ARE LEARNING:

Maths – this term year 2 will be completing multiplication and division before moving onto length and height. While year 3 will continue to build upon their knowledge of length and perimeter before diving into fractions. We will build upon our investigative skills by solving a variety of real-life problems linked to each unit.

English – we will be writing poetry using the piece The Sound Collector as inspiration, before completing the half term focusing on writing a narrative piece based on Stardust, practicing our editing and publishing skills.

Reading VIPERS – we will continue to hone our vocabulary, inferring, prediction, explaining, retrieving and summarising skills to delve deeper into a variety of texts. Each child will come home with a VIPERS bookmark demonstrating types of questions you can ask your child to support reading at home.



Science - we will be learning about Sound. We will identify how sounds are made, exploring how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and investigating which materials make the best sound insulation. We will be working scientifically to find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

History – we will be exploring the question How have children's lives changed? We will begin by looking at what different sources tell us about how children's lives have changed before looking in more detail at what jobs children had in Tudor and Victorian England. Finally, we will explore the role Lord Shaftesbury had in changing children's lives.

PSHE – we will be learning about economic wellbeing. Year 3 will learn that a range of things influence our spending decisions, how to create a simple budget and understand how situations involving money can affect feelings. Year 2 will be focusing on how adults get money and recognising that saving is necessary to buy things we want.



Design & Technology - we will be focusing on Cooking and Nutrition, understanding what a balanced diet is, identifying the food groups in a balanced diet, before preparing and tasting ingredients to plan our own recipe.



PE - we continue PE with Mrs Mercer on a Monday afternoon. Please make sure gumshields sent home before half term are returned to school. Swimming will be on a Thursday afternoon.

Music – this half term we will be learning and performing a class arrangement of the traditional pentatonic song, I've been to Harlem.



R.E. – our focus this half term will be on the question Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?



DIARY DATES

19th February – Return to School

22nd February – Swimming

22nd March – Break up for Easter

Please refer to the monthly school newsletter for more dates and whole school information.

ALKELDA REMINDERS!

READING – Children should be reading every evening.

SPELLINGS – Children will have their own list of spellings, please practice these daily.

TIMES TABLES – Children should be practicing these every evening.

Year 2 – 2s, 5s and 10s

Year 3 – 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s

HOMEWORK – Homework will be sent out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.