

# Year 3 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. The children have returned beautifully and are working hard in class as usual. As you may have heard, we had some visitors around the school this week and Year 3 represented the school wonderfully. I was so proud of their behaviour and effort this week.

## English

In English, we have been learning all about adventure stories. So far, we have discovered that these stories involve a character going on an exciting quest. There are normally evil characters who need to be defeated and often, the main character has a helpful side-kick. Examples of these stories are Harry Potter, Peter Pan and Aladin.

On Tuesday, we read a pirate story called 'The Pirate Girl' and we carried out a freeze frame for our favourite part of the story. The children each picked a character and froze in a position. Then, they asked each other questions about what their characters were doing and how they were feeling in that part of the story.

After this, the children spent our English lessons creating and describing settings and characters that could be found in a pirate adventure story. The children used amazing adjectives and similes to write interesting descriptions about their characters and settings.

## Maths

In maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division for the next few weeks. We began by re-capping our learning from Year 2 about how to group, share and use arrays. This will help us with our learning over the next few weeks. To the right are some of the challenges

7a. Jada had 9 counters and has used them to make the array below.



Now Jada has 18 counters.

Draw 3 arrays she could make with 18 counters.



8a. Which fact is not related to the array below?



A.  $3 \times 6$  B. 5 lots of 6 C.  $6 \times 6$

Explain your answer.

7b. Harry had 16 counters and has used them to make the array below.



Now Harry has 32 counters.

Draw 3 arrays he could make with 32 counters.



8b. Which fact is not related to the array below?



A.  $8 \times 4$  B. 2 lots of 8 C.  $7 \times 5$

Explain your answer.

we solved this week. We have used counters, pictures and mental strategies to solve calculations. After that, we re-capped the 2 and 5 times-tables, but as we were already quite confident with these times tables, we applied our learning to reasoning challenges and problem-solving tasks. We have been working on writing fuller sentences to answer mathematical questions which explain how we have worked out an answer to a calculation. The children were required to use key mathematical vocabulary and write calculations or draw pictures to represent their answers

### History

In history, we discovered that Britain used to be connected to Europe during the Ice Age. We came up with some actions to remember that when the ice melted, rivers destroyed the land, breaking Britain off to create an island. After that, we had a quiz to re-cap everything we have learnt so far. The children really enjoyed working in teams to complete the quiz.



To the left is a picture of Britain when it was connected to Europe. To the right, is our country as we recognise it now.

### Music

Mr Jaggard will return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November to teach music. The children are welcome to bring in their own ukuleles on this day if they wish.

### Woodland Learning

Year 3 have Woodland Learning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney and Mrs Patterson 😊