



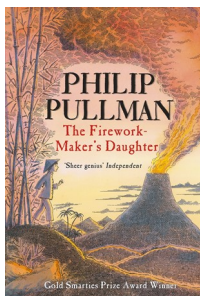
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**English**

Our core text this half term is 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

We will be focusing on the layout and content of a diary entry in our sentence stacking lessons. With this, children will independently write their own diary entry in role of a character and a key event in the text of their choice.



Children will have the opportunity to develop their comprehension skills through daily whole class reading sessions. In addition to this, children will have spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions each week.

**Science**

This half term, the children will be learning about Light and Shadow. This unit will allow children to learn about the sun and its features. They will then use this knowledge to think about how and why shadows are formed.

Experiments will be conducted into length of shadows throughout the day and children will be able to explain why and when a shadow is shorter or longer.



**Welcome to Class 3!**

I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are looking forward to the coming half term.

Our topic is '**Out of the shadows and into the light!**'. We have planned a variety of learning opportunities this half term to develop your child's knowledge and understanding further.

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**Mathematics**

We will continue learning about fractions. Children will be able to recognise, find and write fractions of a set of objects using both unit and non-unit fractions. The children will learn how to add, subtract and compare fractions as well as find equivalent fractions.

The children will also be consolidating their understanding of column addition and subtraction.



**PE**

I will teach PE on a Monday afternoon. Children will be introduced to the sport of volleyball and learn the skills involved.

PE with Exposure Sport will be on Thursday afternoon. Children will be developing their athletic skills and have the opportunity to practise a range of athletic events.

**RE**

This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn about the different Gods that Hindu's worship. They will look at the Trimurti. They will also spend time learning how Hindu's worship their Gods at home and in their temple.



**Weekly schedules:**

**Monday (PM):** Homework to be handed in. PE with Miss Foster (PM).

**Thursday (PM):** Mrs Parks (PM) and Exposure Sports (PE). Homework books handed out.

**Friday:** Times Tables Test and Golden Time.



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**History**

The children will be learning about The Romans during the Summer term. Children will consider the effects of the invasion and settlement of the Romans on Britain. We will discuss how artefacts help us learn about the past.



Children will be learning about what Romans did for fun and what was important to the Romans.

**DT & Art**

This half term the children will be learning how to make a Roman pouch. They will be designing and making their own pouch using various materials and developing their sewing skills. Children will look at the purpose of pouches during the Roman period.



**Music**

This half term the children will be learning about composing melodies. This learning will be linked to China.



**Computing**

Children will be learning about databases and how to input data using the Purple Mash software. They will also be looking at Internet Safety and how to stay safe online.

**MFL**

French will be taught by Mr Mitchener on Thursday mornings. He will be following the Rigolo scheme of French work with a Unit called "La Famille"



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**Important Dates:**

- Thurs 27th April—KS2 Inter-house competition (pm)
- Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 16th May—Class and Team Photos
- Friday 26th May—Break up for half-term

I am looking forward to the children enjoying the exciting learning opportunities planned for this half-term.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. If you wish to discuss any concerns further, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Miss Foster

**How you can support your child at home:**

Enjoy reading to your child and listening to your child read. Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day demonstrating your comprehension skills. Ensure your child brings in their reading record at least once a week for it to be checked.

Celebrate your child selecting a book from the Reading Rocket Challenge or one that is different from the type/author that they would usually pick.

Look for rich vocabulary together in books and films then make a note of these words and try to use them in everyday conversations.

Discuss which spellings they found tricky this week in their writing and encourage them to try a range of strategies to help remember.

Discuss times table facts and encourage your child to regularly log onto Times Table Rockstars or Numbots at home.

**PSHE**

This half term children will be exploring a variety of different themes, including 'Relationships'. Through discussion, circle time, drama and practical activities children will know how to respect other peoples physical and cultural differences.