

# YEAR 3 END OF AUTUMN 2 UPDATE

In English this half term we have completed two pieces of writing. A brilliant explanation text exploring the world underground, based on the fold out, non-fiction book 'The Street Beneath my Feet'. We explored the bugs in the soil, the smelly sewers and the super-hot Earth's core. They produced some very well-informed writing. Our second piece of writing was a persuasive piece to create a travel leaflet, persuading families to visit Stonehenge. We did a lot of research and found out some awesome facts!

In Maths we have been really focused on our times tables! We have been working on multiplication and division recently; learning various times tables using arrays, grouping and sharing. We have also been doing daily times tables tests to build our skills, so we're for Year 4, when the children have their official times tables test. The children have all made such fantastic progress and the number of children getting full marks, or even just one or two marks more, is increasing day on day! Everyone should be super proud of themselves and the effort they're putting into their times tables practice!

In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets! We've explored gravity, friction and magnetism. We've compared the strengths of different magnets, thought about what materials are magnetic, how magnets react to each other and even created our own games and activities using magnets to play! Some children made fishing games, where the metal eye of the fish was attracted to the magnet, paper boats with paper clip bow on the front, race tracks with cars with paper clip attachments and coin sorting activities based on what metal they're made from.

In Geography we've been exploring the local area and building up our map skills and fieldwork skills. We have learnt how to read a map, use a compass and write a 4-figure grid reference. We used our knowledge of Boroughbridge and map-reading skills to plan a local area walk and complete some field work based on the businesses in the town center. We made tallies of the types of businesses whilst we walked and, when we arrived back at school, we created pie charts on the computers to log our findings.



Please keep up the times tables practice over the holidays. In January there will be a real push for everyone to be accessing the app multiple times a week.

Everyone should have their log-in and password. Any issues please email me.

Important Information

## Important Information:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Teacher Training Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children back to school
- 20<sup>th</sup> January – Pyjama Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine Disco  
KS2 5:10 – 6:00pm

## Highlights

- Worked really hard writing fantastic explanation texts.
- Created animations with Mrs Sykes in Computing.
- Made some fantastic moving Christmas cards in DT.
- Explored the local area of Boroughbridge.
- Behaved impeccably well on our exciting trip to the Pantomime.
- Sang exceptionally well at the extravaganza and the carol concert.

To all the families of Year 3 and the wider school community. I wish you a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year!

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 4<sup>th</sup> January!

Mrs Hunt

