

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a great first two weeks of term 2! It has been all systems go from the very first day, Coral class were working incredibly hard preparing for their class assembly which was a wonderful success on Tuesday, well done Coral class for your hard work and determination (and thank you Mrs Muir and Mrs Louden for all your hard work in helping the children to prepare). Amber class have also been working hard preparing for their assembly next Tuesday, and Jade the following Tuesday.

This week is 'Anti-bullying week' and as a school we have been engaging with a range of different activities that help promote this year's message, 'CHOOSE RESPECT'. Year three were asked to create a kindness wall, hence why we asked for the shoe boxes! Since bringing them in, the children have spent time covering them with kindness quotes from people across the world, stickers and pictures to add a pop of colour and lastly their own opinions about kindness and why it is important to be kind. There were many meaningful discussions had, and the children were very thoughtful in their responses and thoughts. Our kindness wall will be displayed in orchard hall after school on Friday, please feel free to come and have a look at the lovely work/learning completed throughout the school this week.

In maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction. Our focus these last two weeks has been on column addition and subtraction, in lessons we have been using maths manipulatives such as Base 10 and place value counters. The children are beginning to understand this strategy and we are now moving onto adding by crossing ten, this involves the children exchanging the ones for a ten and then remembering to add that extra ten to their final answer. Once mastered, this strategy will help and support children in a lot of other areas of maths, for example in column multiplication.

We had very excited children on the first day of term when we took them to the woodland walk to find it was overrun with TROLLS! The children had to find all the trolls who each were hiding a letter of the alphabet, once collected, the letters gave a clue about our writing topic for the term – The truth about trolls. This term we are looking at non-chronological reports. This is known as a faction piece of writing (factual information with fictional elements). We have spent time first unpicking the features of an information text and building on our knowledge of trolls. Everyone in year three, including all the adults, are really looking forward to creating our final piece, as it will be great fun to see what wonderful facts the children can come up with.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes,  
The Year Three Team