

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been involved in assemblies and class discussions about Chinese New Year. They have enjoyed the chance to learn the symbolism and traditions of another culture and what their zodiac sign represents.

In writing, the children have completed their setting descriptions, and we could not be prouder of them! They have all worked incredibly hard to include their new learning and have created some truly beautiful settings. Everyone has been busy publishing their work into their beautiful books, which we are sure you will enjoy looking through in the near future. This week the children have undertaken a new challenge and are now writing a debate. They will be getting ready to battle it out with the teachers, as they argue it would have been better to grow up in Sparta rather than Athens. They will be spending the remainder of this term gathering evidence to support their case and developing their persuasive language.

In maths we are continuing with multiplication and how to multiply a two digit by a one digit number. We will continue to develop the children's understanding and confidence by completing calculations both with and without exchanging. Please do continue to encourage your children to keep practising their times tables at home as it really does feed into so many different areas of mathematics. TT Rockstars is an excellent tool and can really help to develop their fluency and confidence.

In science we have been investigating contact forces included water resistance, up thrust and air resistance. The children have enjoyed experiencing these in different ways, including how water resistance and up thrust impacts them during their swimming lessons.

In PSHE this term we have been celebrating all the wonderful aspects about ourselves. The children have been writing kenning poems and exploring what it means to be a superhero. Although flying and super strength may be appealing, we looked at how values such as compassion and courage are what can make a real difference.

This terms D.T project is wearable technology and we have been thinking about what they can create to help children be seen in the dark. The children have been discuss their design criteria and are looking forward to using their new coding skills to programme micro:bits in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

The Year Three Team

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