

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This half term our topic is "Beyond the Magic Kingdom: What is the sunshine state really like?". Our learning will be slightly different to last term as we are having more of a geographical focus. The children will be developing their knowledge of location and places as well as human and physical geography. In addition to this the children will be able to gain new skills and understanding of fieldwork.

Curriculum: In English we will be connecting our writing with our Geography, 'Turtles in trouble!', explaining why sea turtles are endangered. Then we will explore writing poetry connected to PSHE and families.

In Science, the children will be studying light and will be looking into how shadows are formed as well as finding patterns when shadows change. Additionally, they will be able to recognise why we need light and understand how light can be reflected from surfaces.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading chart in their homework book so they can continue to collect reading miles.

Numbots: We have seen an increasing use of Numbots and children are continuing to collect Numbots postcards at the 25 mile practice marker. Some children are even reaching the 50 mile practice marker where the children can receive a pencil. Over the next term we would like to hand out more. Each child has a Numbots chart for you to sign to indicate how many plays they have. As we progress through the year and children begin to complete Numbots we will introduce them to Times Tables Rockstars.

Environments: Our PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will continue to be mostly outside. During the colder months please ensure your child is equipped (navy blue bottoms, extra layers and a waterproof coat). These extra layers will also be helpful when we are venturing out into the Tipi. A polite notice that children should only be coming in with small bags - each day they only need their lunch box, water bottle, homework diary and reading book. As windows must remain open for ventilation, please ensure your child has their jumper in school.

Homework: Homework will continue to be set on google classroom on a Friday and will be due on a Wednesday with a spelling quiz on Friday. Tasks will always relate to our learning journeys whether it is consolidating the previous learning or pre teaching for the following week. If you are having any problems getting onto google classroom do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher as a paper copy can be provided.

The Year 3 team,
Mrs McQuaid, Mrs Jefferis and Mrs Willis (Osprey)
Miss Brown and Mrs Buncle (Merlin)