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Form III Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term w/c 7th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a slightly 'different' first week than planned. Thank you for all your good wishes. I am glad to be back with the girls and my family are now all well. I have been kept updated by Mrs Balcombe, who did a great job in my absence. Fingers crossed that we can now settle into Form III properly. The class have produced some impressive work, so far. I have been particularly impressed by their reading levels.

Two years ago, I started a weekly newsletter, with the aim of keeping parents up to date with what was happening in Form III. It was well received by the parents and I have decided to continue it this year. It will be a summary of the topics we have been studying, homework set, upcoming events and any other important information. I hope that you find it beneficial too.

What we have been learning this week

Mathematics: This week has seen us focus on place value and partitioning. The girls have shown a strong ability in these areas, particularly once they remembered and practiced the methods. Some of the girls have managed to transfer these skills to 3- and 4-digit numbers. The homework this week is a continuation of partitioning practice, this will be set on Friday and the girls have a week to complete it. If they ever have any problems, with any of their homework, please get your daughter to come and see me and I will do my best to help her understand.

This Friday we have also introduced the 7 times table (up to and including 12×7). We will be focusing on this for the next two weeks. Please make sure that your daughter practices it. Random surprise questions on car journeys are a good technique! Thank you.

English: This week has seen us start to read, 'The Iron Man', by Ted Hughes. The girls have really taken to the book and are keen to see what happens next. In connection with the book, we had a very enjoyable (and noisy) morning, on Thursday, creating our own onomatopoeias by pushing cans and tins off steps, walls etc. Thank you for the large number of cans which were brought in. Mrs Rigby (the Art teacher) has agreed to help the girls make a Form III 'Iron Man' (or possibly an 'Iron Woman') statue, out of the cans, we will see if it is even better than the impressive one last year!

We have also been focusing on the importance of adjectives in books and creative writing. Ted Hughes certainly uses them to help to 'paint a picture' for the reader.

This week's homework is to do with onomatopoeias. The girls are certainly good at identifying and creating their own now.

History

This half term we will be studying 'The Stone Age' in our Humanities classes. This will be very useful when we go on our school trip to, 'Celtic Harmony', next Wednesday (16th September). The girls are looking forward to the trip and being able to experience the 'Stone Age' for themselves. A letter to

confirm details will be coming out. Thank you for your support in this trip, I really hope that they all enjoy the day and experience.

I hope that you like the idea of a newsletter. Please let me know if you have any feedback about it.

Kind regards

Mr Smith