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Form III Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term w/c 12th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Amazingly, we are nearly at the end of our first half term. It has flown by, and I continue to be impressed with how well the class are progressing. In Maths, this week, we have looked at 'Column Subtraction' the level of understanding and speed of progression in the topic has been amazing. I have been very proud of how well the class have done.

What we have been learning this week

Mathematics:

This week has seen the girls focus switch to, 'Column Method Subtraction'. We started the week with subtracting two-digit numbers and have finished with all able to tackle, at least, four-digit numbers, including 'borrowing!' The girls used their new-found knowledge to help put their 'detective' skills to use in order to solve, 'The Case of The Missing Numbers'.

This week's homework is an opportunity to show 'mastery' of the topic, with problems to solve.

We have also continued to work on our 9 times tables. If the girls could continue to practice this over half term, that would be a great help.

English:

This week has seen us looking at, and comparing, monsters from 'The Iron Man' and other literature and films. There has been some very interesting and deep thinking, more than one of the girls suggested that "the farmers" were the real monsters in the book!

We have also been looking at what should be included in formal and informal letters, as well as their differences. This week's homework is to write a letter to, 'The people of Earth' telling them about the end of 'The Iron Man' novel.

History:

This week has seen us improving and using our knowledge of both timelines and the Stone Age. The class have been putting a series of events into chronological order.

After half term, our Humanities lessons will be changing to Geography and focusing on our knowledge of places around the globe, as well as our local environment.

In previous years I have requested that people send postcards from their holidays, so that we can build up a knowledge of where places are. I am not sure if this will be quite as easy to do, in the current climate, but if you do manage to get away, please could you get the girls to send me and the rest of the class a postcard.

I look forward to seeing you all (at least on a computer screen) on our first week back. If you have not already confirmed your preferred date with me, Tuesday 3rd or Wednesday 4th, please could you do so. I will send out the Zoom information and times once I have received your preferences.

Thank you for all your continued support. I have really enjoyed teaching the girls and hope that they have enjoyed their first half term in Form III too.

I hope you and all your families have a fun, fantastic, relaxing, and healthy half term.

Best wishes

Mr Smith