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Form III Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term w/c 28th September 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all keeping well. This half term seems to be going quickly and the girls have settled well into Form III. There really are some avid readers in the class and they are all starting to produce some descriptive and interesting work in English. We have 'banned' the words 'very' and 'big' and there have been some fantastic synonyms instead.

As you will all know by now, we have a busy day next Friday with the Harvest Festival (weather permitting) and then the Movie Night. I know that the girls are all looking forward to both and I am sure that they will both be fun activities.

What we have been learning this week

Mathematics: This week has seen us focus on subtraction methods in mental maths. The girls have been working hard to try to visualise and use differing methods (partitioning, number lines and inverse), in order to successfully complete the calculations.

This week has also seen us move onto the 8 times table, so please feel free to test the girls and help them to learn these. The class showed great improvement with their 7 times table scores last week, so thank you for your support with this.

The homework this week continues to focus on mental maths, with a range of subtraction problems to solve.

English: This week we have continued with 'The Iron Man' and have now got to the end of Chapter 4. We have encountered the, 'Space-bat-angel-dragon', and have continued looking at descriptive language: similes, powerful adjectives and synonyms.

This week's homework is a comprehension activity, 'Who invented the toothbrush?'. Please can you encourage your daughter to answer the question in full sentences.

History

This week has seen us looking at 'homes', in History. We have been looking at how the types of homes evolved throughout the Stone Age, and into the Iron and Bronze Age. The girls have shown a keen interest and have made some links between them. I am not sure they would all be so keen to use the same materials as some Stone Age people, to make walls, for their own houses!

I hope you all have a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Smith