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Form III Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term w/c 5th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Amazingly, we are nearly at the end of the penultimate week of the first half term. Time seems to be 'flying by'. The girls have had another busy week but are looking forward to another fun-filled Friday, with the Harvest Festival, in the morning, followed by 'Movie Night'. There has been plenty of excited chatter about the movie, snacks and what they can bring in!

What we have been learning this week

Mathematics: This week has seen the girls showing very impressive knowledge and understanding of, 'Column Method Addition'. The understanding and confidence of all the girls has really grown, which has been very impressive and great to see. We started the week with adding two-digit numbers and have finished with all able to tackle, at least, four-digit numbers!

This week's homework is an opportunity to show 'mastery' of the topic, with a sheet of problems to solve. Please remind the girls to check their 'carrying' and use of columns.

We will also be having an 8 times table test tomorrow (9th Oct), so, hopefully, we will see an improvement in recall. Next week, and going into half term, we will be moving onto the 9 times table. I have had plenty of girls telling me how they have already started practising, and the methods they use for the 9 times table. It is lovely to see such interest and enthusiasm.

English: This week saw us complete 'The Iron Man' and discuss the ending. We all agreed that, perhaps, our first impressions of characters in the book might have been slightly off! In connection with the book we have also started looking at how newspapers are set out and the terminology used.

This week's homework involves using understanding of a newspaper lay out, in order to answer comprehension questions. This should reinforce what we have been learning. Hopefully, some of the girls have got over their initial reaction to the picture of the caterpillar!

History

This week has seen us looking in greater detail at the 'Stone Age Diet', in History. There have been quite a few questions along the lines of, 'Would they really eat a...?', some of the class have certainly been more accepting of what was eaten than others!

On a separate note, a few of the girls do not have a ruler to use, this makes underlining particularly difficult. Please could I ask that you remind your daughter to bring one in from home, if required. Thank you for all your help and support. I can't quite believe that it is only one week until half term.

I hope you all have a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Smith