



14th January, 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and you are ready for another busy term in Neptune class. This term, Mrs Walton teaches all day on a Monday and Tuesday mornings and Miss James teaches Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Collection arrangements

Thank you so much for letting us know of last-minute changes to pick up. Please continue to do this as it helps to safeguard our children. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to rely on Dojo for sending messages about collection, particularly during the afternoon, so please continue to contact the office.

Reading

This term, we will start to introduce written reading comprehension to the class. This is to help the children prepare for moving into key stage 2 and to start to focus on understanding what they have read, alongside developing fluency, which has been the focus until now. Please continue to read with your child regularly to support this.

Spellings

As mentioned towards the end of last term, we are introducing weekly spelling quizzes this term. You have already received a sheet setting out the spellings for the whole term. Please, please help your children to practise their spellings each week, so they can achieve success but more importantly, to help them become able and confident writers. We recommend using apps such as 'Hairy Letters', 'Squeebles' and 'Spelling Shed' if they are reluctant to practise.

Curriculum

In Maths, we will be learning what multiplication and division means and how to do it and making links to fractions, alongside learning about 3D shapes. In term 4, we will learn about time, mass and measure.

In English, we will be exploring a new text called 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and using this to help consolidate what we have learned already about grammar and punctuation- including adverbs, similes, questions, statements, exclamation sentences, expanded noun phrases, commas in lists, apostrophes for possession... the list is very long! ☺ In term 4, we will be reading 'Grandad's Island'.

Our Science this term will focus on living things and their habitats, whilst next term will be learning about plants (when hopefully the weather is warmer!).

Whilst Art (Earth Art) and Geography (Magical Maps) will be our main wider curriculum focus this term, we are very much looking forward to a special local History day on Thursday 16th January, when we will have a visitor from Devizes Museum to help us learn about the battle of Roundway Hill in Devizes. We hope the children will share with you what we learn on this exciting day! During Term 4, we will be focusing on Nurturing Nurses in History and Perfect Pizzas in DT.

Our PE days this term will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday We hope the children will have an enjoyable and hard-working term - it's hard to believe we will soon be half way through year 2!

Yours sincerely

Miss James and Mrs Walton