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HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back. The children have made a good start to term and look refreshed after a well deserved holiday, following that very long autumn term. We have two new members of staff working in Year 3: Mrs Coley, who started just before Christmas, will be enhancing our teaching of maths during this term; whilst Mrs Jarvis is taking over from Mrs Hughes who is now on maternity leave.

*We hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year break.
Martin Leathes and Jenny Hunkin*

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

This half term, our topic is **The Victorians**. This will feature particularly in literacy, art and history. We will be finding out about life for Victorian children and then look at the great inventions and changes to life that occurred during that time.

As part of our learning we have already been to Charlestown and walked around the harbour following in the footsteps of 'Harry', who is a character from a story that we are learning. He is transported back in time to learn about a day in the life of a Victorian child.

If you have any artefacts from the Victorian era or have any family stories about relatives from the Victorian age, it would be brilliant if you could share them with your child so they can let us know about them at school. To tie in with our topic we will be holding Victorian days on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March**. Children will experience a day in the life of a Victorian school child on the 17th and on the second day will continue to learn about Victorians. We will let you know nearer the time about dressing up for this.

Science

This half of term we will learn about some aspects of our bodies: how skeletons are important to humans and other animals for movement, support and protection of organs; and how we need to have the right types and amount of nutrition. We will then move onto learning about seed germination and plant growth.

Homework

We will continue with written and oral times and divide tables tests each Friday. We will continue to send out practise sheets for these. Please help them with practising these at home. Little and often is best. With the new maths curriculum children should know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3, both in and out of order.

Please also ensure that your child continues to read to an adult every evening. This remains a really valuable tool for developing their skills and fluency in reading.

Individual Learning Targets

This terms targets are all about fractions in maths, writing good sentence openings and getting children to use evidence from a text to support their opinions in reading. Ask your child about their targets and how they are going to try and achieve them!

Reading in School

If any parent is able to come in and help with reading first thing in the morning 8.45 – 9.15 Monday to Thursday we would be very grateful.

PE

For this term we will be doing gymnastics on Monday morning. Outdoor PE will be on Wednesday for 3ML and Friday for 3JH. Children need to make sure they have their PE kits in for these sessions, and with it being winter a plain dark coloured tracksuit is important too. (They will go back to doing swimming after half term.)

Diary Dates:

Winter Trip to Penrice Woods: **We hope to walk the children to Penrice Woods on Tuesday 9th February** to see how the woods look in Winter and play 'hiding from the monster' games. **We do need a good number of parent helpers for this trip. Please could you put this date in your diary for now if you think you could help out.**

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