



16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations needs to go to Mrs Evans who, last week, surprised us all with having her baby early! She and her son are doing very well and wish her all the very best. Sea Turtle class will be covered on Thursday and Friday by Mrs Edwards, who was in this week meeting the children and getting familiar with the class routines.

The children had a great time this week learning about the Swiss sculptor, Alberto Giacometti, they did some observational sketching of a wooden mannequin, and then they created their own sculpture of the human form using wire and Modroc which they then have painted. Pictures of their finished artwork will be put on the school website in the Year 3 children's pages.

In the children's forest school session, they had great fun exploring the flooded den building area. They attempted to make their own nests and appreciated the incredible skill and dedication it must take the birds to create their nests each spring.

We are looking forward to starting our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age topic next term, and you may be interested to know that we live very close to what was once an Iron Age hillfort: Wandlebury Country Park. If you are at a loose end over half term, it is worth a visit, although you may need a good imagination as it was over 2000 year ago! <https://www.cambridgeppf.org/wandlebury-history> Next terms science topic will be looking at plants. All of our 'captures' about each topic your child will be studying can be found on the website: ['Curriculum Captures' \(click here\)](#)

**Home Learning:** We will not be setting home learning over half term. However, **please keep reading with your child** and make good use of the **Collins Big Cat books**. Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed will still be available to the children if they would like to have a go.

In Maths next half term, we will be exploring measurement. The children will:

- Measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml).
- Measure the perimeter of 2-D shapes.

In **English next half term**, the children will be focusing on writing an adventure story. We will be using a book which features a Stone Age adventure to inspire them.

The **Spellings for the first week back** will be continuing to focus on words ending in the suffix '-le' and will also be looking at the new spring 2 words (listed below)

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terrible  
article  
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example  
struggle  
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Spring 2  
  
earth  
eight  
eighth  
enough  
exercise  
experience  
experiment  
extreme  
famous



Year 3/4 Spelling List – for reference

|               |               |              |           |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Year A</b> | earth         | length       | regular   |
| accident      | eight         | library      | reign     |
| accidentally  | eighth        | material     | remember  |
| actually      | enough        | medicine     | sentence  |
| address       | exercise      | mention      | separate  |
| answer        | experience    | minute       | special   |
| appear        | experiment    | natural      | straight  |
| arrive        | extreme       | naughty      | strange   |
| believe       | famous        | notice       | strength  |
| bicycle       | favourite     | occasion     | suppose   |
| breath        | February      | occasionally | surprise  |
| breathe       | forwards      | often        | therefore |
| build         | fruit         | opposite     | though    |
| busy          | grammar       | ordinary     | although  |
| business      | group         | particular   | thought   |
| calendar      | guard         | peculiar     | through   |
| caught        | guide         | perhaps      | various   |
| centre        | heard         | popular      | weight    |
| century       | heart         | position     | woman     |
| certain       | height        | possess      | women     |
| circle        | history       | possession   |           |
| complete      | imagine       | possible     |           |
| consider      | increase      | potatoes     |           |
| continue      | important     | pressure     |           |
| decide        | interest      | probably     |           |
| describe      | island        | promise      |           |
| different     | knowledge     | purpose      |           |
| difficult     |               | quarter      |           |
| disappear     | <b>Year B</b> | question     |           |
| early         | learn         | recent       |           |