

Our whole school ethos theme next week is:

We think about everyone's right to learn.

Dear Form III Parents,

It has been a lovely first full week back, and the children have started to settle in to Form III beautifully. Mrs Kalaj, in particular, is very impressed with their listening skills and with how they react to instructions immediately. We have even given out some Good Notes for excellent homework and behaviour. What a great start and keep it up, Form III!

On Wednesday, our Timestables Rockstars Day was a great success. The children embraced the morning with enthusiasm, competing against each other in the multiplayer arena challenges.

In our art lesson, the children have been working on a picture for Mrs Coulson's office. The children have been sketching famous great leaders which is our brief.

During our English lessons, this week, the children have been introduced to some fantastic new vocabulary they'll need to be familiar with as we work our way through the Titanic book. We have begun to read our new class book, watched footage of the Titanic as well as posed and answered questions we have about this global phenomenon.

In Maths, the children have been exploring place value, recognising numbers to 100,000, learning the value of each digit in these large numbers and working on various worded as well as numbered problems.

A few reminders:

Homework for the week is set on Monday and it's your child's responsibility to record it in their planner. Hopefully, the planners should be here soon. Homework is always to be handed in the next day unless the teacher has set something that requires a longer time frame to complete. Test folders will come home with your child each Friday. Please spend time together going through the work in the folder, sign and date it. The test folder should be returned to school on Monday.

The children are expected to read each day as part of their daily routine at home. I will be monitoring the reading as I cannot stress how important reading is.

The children will have their spelling test every Monday (Year 3 and 4 statutory word list until further notice) and their Maths tests will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Recommended reads: I have thoroughly enjoyed the Circus Maximus series of books by Annelise Gray and the new one is just a thrilling. Circus Maximus: Rider of the Storm. I also recommend Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. This book is a classic and would be a suitable read for those children hoping to try out for Heckmondwike Grammar School.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss Hazell and Mrs Kalaj