



**Froebelian School**  
**Form III's Weekly Newsletter**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Our ethos theme for next week will be:

**We are physically active**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term, although there's nothing Spring-like about the weather!

I hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas break and spent time with family and friends.

We have a great deal to cover this term, so we have worked extremely hard this week.

In English, we have looked at clauses, including main, subordinate, and relative clauses. The children have completed a comprehension exercise focusing on key skills such as prediction, deduction, author technique, retrieval, summarising, and inference.

In Maths, we have delved into multiplication and division, including long multiplication, long division, as well as problem solving and reasoning. The children have been actively engaged in applying these skills to real-life situations.

In Science, our focus has been on the Solar System. We described the Earth and the planets, exploring their movements in relation to the sun. This has sparked a lot of curiosity among the children, leading to interesting discussions and independent research.

In RE, we continue to explore stories found in the Bible. After working on the story of Ruth and Naomi last time, this week we delved into the New Testament of the Bible and read some of the Parables Jesus told. The children have shown great interest in understanding the moral messages embedded in these stories.

Our Art lessons have taken an exciting turn as we have begun working on comic strips. The children have been enthusiastic about designing their own unique characters and coming up with creative names for them.

In History, we have shifted our focus to post-William the Conqueror England. The children have explored what the country looked like after this significant historical event. The topic has ignited their imagination, leading to detailed discussions and engaging activities.

A gentle reminder to parents and children that daily reading is crucial for improving vocabulary, comprehension skills, and writing abilities. Additionally, it ensures that children can access all areas of the curriculum effectively. We highly encourage parents to support their children's reading habits as well as modelling good reading.

Spellings are another important aspect of learning, and they require consistent practice. It is essential for children to revise their spellings more than once or twice a week and complete the activities aligned with them.

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing learning and developing good working habits. Assignments are generally due the following day unless stated otherwise. If there are any changes to the homework deadline, I will inform the children promptly. This year, I will also be introducing revising homework, which will teach the children valuable revision skills. Rest assured, this will not mean extra homework, but rather, it will replace their regular homework.

Here is the usual homework pattern for this term as a reference:

- Monday: Comprehension
- Tuesday: Maths linked to our topic or an entrance exam style booklet
- Wednesday: Spellings including the additional activities
- Thursday: French
- Friday: Test Corrections + a Verbal or Non-Verbal Reasoning activity every so often

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all the thoughtful gifts we received this Christmas. I have already invested in several books, both children's and adult literature. I am currently engrossed in the new David Mitchell book called 'Unruly'. Additionally, I've stocked up on socks, as I tend to misplace them quite often!

As for recommended reads, last term I suggested the Percy Jackson books. I'm delighted to inform you that the new Percy Jackson series on Disney Plus is an excellent follow-up for those who enjoyed the books. This week, I would like to recommend a Gothic adventure called 'Stitch' by Padraig Kenny. The story follows the journey of Stitch, a creation, and his friend Henry Oaf. They were brought to life by the brilliant Professor Hardacre and have spent their days in a castle deep in the woods, far from humankind. However, when the Professor's pompous nephew threatens their existence, Stitch and Henry must find a way to escape his clutches and navigate a world they were never built for.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and I look forward to an inspiring and productive Spring term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Hazell and Valentina Kalaj

### Calendar Dates

January	
Thurs 18	U11s Swimming Gala v Moorlands 3.00-4.00pm