

**Dear Parents** 

Our ethos theme for next week is: We try to keep ourselves and others safe

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week in Form III, and we have lots to update you on! Here are the highlights from our recent activities and learning:

# **English**

In English, the children have been focusing on identifying and applying relative, subordinate, and main clauses. They have impressed us with their comprehension skills by completing challenging texts that require them to provide evidence from the reading. These questions have pushed their thinking abilities and are an essential skill expected from children in the Upper Juniors. Additionally, the children have showcased their independent writing skills by incorporating relative clauses and ambitious vocabulary into their writing about Space.

### **Maths**

During our Maths lessons, the children have learned how to multiply fractions, ensuring they simplify the answers wherever possible. They have also continued to strengthen their multiplication and division skills, particularly long multiplication and long division. To help them remember the steps for long division, we have introduced the acronym "H(D)MS Bring Down" - representing How Many (Divide), Multiply, Subtract, and finally Bring Down.

#### **RE and Science**

In RE, the children have had the opportunity to work in groups and act out a parable. This has allowed them to explore important moral lessons through creativity.

In Science, our current topic explores the movement of the Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun within the solar system. The children have enjoyed investigating and describing these celestial movements.

# **History**

Our History lessons this week have centred around the reigns of William II (William Rufus) and Henry I, both sons of William the Conqueror. The children have gained valuable insights into this intriguing period in British history.

### **Recommended Read**

This week, I am recommending the book "Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths" by Maisie Chan. In this heart-warming tale, eleven-year-old Danny Chung discovers the unexpected joy of his cultural heritage when his ex-maths-champion grandmother from China comes to stay. This story showcases the importance of embracing our unique identities and the power of human connection.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Laura Hazell and Valentina Kalaj