



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2, 2025

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This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be completing a narrative unit called 'The Secret of Black Rock' and creating our very own adventure stories. We will then be moving on to writing an informal letter based on the book 'The Gardener'.

Maths: We will be completing work based around our four operations and will then be focussing on using fractions in different ways. We will continue to work on increasing the speed of our times tables knowledge.

Science: Our new Science topic will focus on rocks and soils. We will find out about different types of rocks, how fossils are formed and different layers of soil.

History: In History, we will be learning about the Windrush generation. We will be finding out about the impact of the Windrush generation on life today.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around temperate deciduous forests. We will look at location, flora and fauna, and layers. We will then compare this biome with our knowledge of tropical rainforests.

Art: We will be learning all about Andy Warhol and the pop art era. We will be creating our own art using ink printing techniques.

Music: Our lessons will continue to be focussed around instruments of the orchestra. Our recorder playing is sounding amazing and we will be increasing our repertoire of songs.

French: We will be learning lots of French vocabulary related to animals.

PSHE: In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Celebrating Differences'.

PE: In PE this half-term, we will be learning lots of different Athletics skills.

RE: We will be learning all about different Jewish celebrations.

Computing: In our computing lessons, we will be continuing our work on coding before moving onto a focus on touch typing.

Message from the teachers:

We are now half way through the school year and the children have continued to work their socks off both in and out of the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing what other amazing things they can achieve as we move towards Easter. Not only have the children been progressing academically but they have shown real care and kindness towards each other.

It was lovely to see you all at our latest events. The second reading café was a real success and it was fantastic to see the love of reading being shared by so many people in one room.

During this half-term, there will be an opportunity for you to book an appointment for parents evening in order to discuss your children's progress. We are looking forward to speaking to you all.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

The children have been working really hard to increase the speed of their times tables knowledge. They have been trying hard to change the colour of their heat maps by getting faster and faster at answering questions. It would be great if you could encourage your children to look at their heat maps on garage mode of TTRS regularly. Not only will this encourage them to practise more in order to change the colours but it will help them to see the benefits of their hard work.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. The children are enjoying collecting their badges as they take their quizzes and we are seeing real improvements in their reading fluency and comprehension. Reading at home helps them to read more books, take more quizzes and reach their targets at a faster rate. It's also a fun, relaxing activity which makes their imaginations expand.