



Plum Class

Happiness, Progress, Success



Collaboration Creativity Independence Resilience Reflection

Welcome to term three and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. As promised, the children now have their own tray! This gives them a permanent station and a place to store their classroom belongings. However, the children will not need to bring in stationery or toys as these are provided in school and only lead to disagreements or get lost. The children are sitting in random seating arrangements and will do some of their work sitting in these places, though the seating may change through the day as appropriate to the task.

The team—Mrs Shrimpton and Mrs Lecompte..

Home Learning The type of task should dictate the amount of time allocated for the task, however no child should be taking more than 30 minutes to complete. Please choose one task a week and return home learning books on Wednesday.

Reading Books will come home daily. Children should read at least 5 times a week, preferably to an adult. Mrs Lecompte will change the books daily, therefore the children will be given one book only. Please also feel free to read a wide variety of genres at home. Don't forget a small prize can be chosen at the end of term for all children completing reading each week.

Spellings The spellings are set based on the phonics covered during the week and also include two of the Year 1 common exception words. The spellings are given out on Friday and tested the following Friday.

Reminders School diaries should be handed in every morning, please use these as a means of home/school communication as appropriate.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and full PE kit in school every day.

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or belongings from home.

Explore, Discover, Create

Our term 3 topic is 'Once Upon a Time' and Plum Class will be immersed in the world of fairy tales.

Our **Stunning start** will be an assembly to present the class with a clue box for the traditional tales to be studied. These clues will help the children guess the stories that they will be learning about.

English We will be looking at some fairy tales. Plum Class will be hearing about the tales, Hansel and Gretel, Puss in Boots, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood. Plum Class will have the opportunity to carry out role play in the gingerbread house we have created together.

Mathematics We will be learning about halves and quarters of shapes, objects and numbers. We will also begin a weekly check on number bonds for ten, aiming towards a level 1 certificate. This is a timed check and the children have missing numbers to fill in as quickly and accurately as they can. Lots of mental skills will be practised to support this activity. We will continue using the online programme, Mathletics. This can now be accessed from home using the password stuck in the home/school diary.

Science Plum Class will be learning more about materials and their properties through lots of exciting experiments. We will also continue to think about the weather and seasons; starting off with a winter walk. During Science week, we will complete fun experiments as well as attending the Year 6 Science Fair.

Computing We will be learning about the parts of a computer and how computers are used in the wider world.

D.T Plum Class will be looking at working wheels for a new carriage for the Marquis of Caribbas. (Puss in Boots) Lots of junk modelling materials will be needed for this— so watch this space!

Music Miss Hooper will be teaching singing and rhythm techniques based around 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice'.

PE Plum Class will be completing gym and dance activities on Thursday and Friday. We will be running the daily mile or yoga straight after assembly.

PSHE In PSHE, we will continue with the scheme, Zippy's friends. This module is all about making and keeping friends.

RE We will be learning about and exploring the ideas of the religion of Islam.

