

Dear Parents

This letter has been sent home to inform you about your child's learning for **next week**.

In **Literacy**, students will be exploring the books from our visiting author, Nick Toczek. They will talk about what they like and dislike about his work, forming opinions and justifying them. Students will then create their own characters and short stories by using expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and adverbs to describe.

In **Numeracy**, students will be exploring calendars, including days, weeks, months and years. They will be telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes on both digital and analogue clocks. They will also be exploring the properties of 3D shapes.

In **Science**, students will be starting their new learning topic, 'Keeping Healthy'. They will be exploring what constitutes a healthy diet and a balanced meal as well as interviewing people to identify how healthy their diets are. They will use this data collected to present in a graph.

In **IPC**, students will be continuing their dinosaur topic by identifying properties of carnivores, omnivores and herbivores after learning what types of diets these dinosaurs had. They will finish off the week by designing their own carnivore, omnivore or herbivore dinosaur.

In **Art**, students will be continuing the dinosaur egg construction. Those who have finished will be moving onto painting their dinosaur eggs.

In **ICT**, students will be continuing with the program Scratch. We will be using our readymade background and character to create a short animation.

For **Spellings**, students will receive their biweekly spelling list on Thursday in the back of their orange books and will be tested on 18 words each Thursday. Over the two week cycle they will learn and be tested twice on all 18 words. Orange spelling books are sent home so that parents can support learning and teachers can share test results.

For **PSHE**, students will be completing thinking tasks centred on 'new beginnings'. They will be setting goals for themselves, thinking about good-friend characteristics, thinking about conflict resolution strategies, amongst many other things across the next half term.

Notice & Reminders:

- Home learning will be collected on **Tuesdays** each week. This gives children two school days as well as the weekend to work on weekly home learning tasks. Home learning will always go out on **Thursdays**. If you do not receive the home learning menu via email please let us know.
- Please support your child in sticking or stapling their home learning into their books. This will help them stay organised and ensure that it can be marked by their teachers.
- Times tables tests will continue next week. We will start with a recap of their known tables; *2, 5 and 10*. As part of our 'times table challenge' children will need to correctly answer 10 times table questions in 1 minute to advance to the next level. The order of the challenge will be: x2, x5, x10, x3, x6, x4, x8, x9, x7. The challenge will be on a **Wednesday**.
- Please remember that learning starts at **7:10**. Reading and phonics starts the day so any late arrivals miss valuable learning time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours faithfully

Year 3 Team