



### What we have been up to this week in LKS2

#### Year 3

In Maths we have been solving multiplication questions using the grid method and finding the answers to division questions using number lines. In English we have learnt about inverted commas for direct speech and subordinate clauses. In Science we have explored the three different types of rock; igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary and researched how they are formed.

#### Year 4

This week in Maths we have learned how to identify fractions of shapes and numbers and also started to learn about equivalent fractions. We have also been focusing on our 7 times table. In English we have started exploring our new class novel, 'Beowulf'. We have made predictions, did freeze frames of the story and also written our own reading dog questions about Beowulf's battle. In Science we learned about the digestive system and in Art we started learning about Picasso.

### Homework

Year 3 Mathletics: Related Facts 2 & Multiply Multiples of 10, Spellings and Cracking Comprehension: Group 1: Hollyhock, Group 2: Brother Rabbit

Year 4 Mathletics: Shading Equivalent Fractions, Spellings and Cracking Comprehension: Group 1: Captain James Cook, Group 2: Animal Migration

### Times Tables

Knowing all times tables is a national target for the end of year 4 and is crucial if children are going to make excellent progress in our key stage. We ask that all parents continue to practice and test times tables with their children to ensure fluency.

The website below is just an example of many times tables games that can be found online.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

All pupils should also have a MyMaths login that they can use to access a great variety of games. Pupils should ask class teachers if they are unsure of their login.

### Notices

Our next theme day will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to celebrate Chinese New Year. The menu is as follows:

Sweet & Sour Chicken	Vegetable Chow Mein (v)	Halal Sweet & Sour Chicken (h),
Egg Noodles, Boiled Rice	Boiled Rice	Egg Noodles, Boiled Rice
Prawn Crackers	Pineapple Sponge Cake	

#### Parent First Aid Course

Our first aid courses start next week and only cost £5, they provide you with valuable life saving skills. Please book now if you would like to attend and visit our school website for more information.

23rd 9:15 - 11:15

28th 3:45 - 5:45

### General Reminders

- Please contact our school office with regards to places at after-school club.
- Thank you to all parents who are parking sensibly before and after school, it helps to keep everyone safe!
- Chair of governors Smyth Harper can be contacted by email – [chair@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:chair@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk)
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