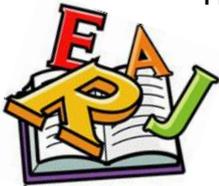


Diary Dates


Date	Event	Information
5 th May	Al Israa Wal Miraj Holiday	School Closed
8 th / 9 th May	Half term	School Closed
11 th /12 th May	School photographs	Schedule to be sent out soon
15 th May	Learn and Play, by the Bay Museum	Museum open to the public
15 th May	Assessment Week	Assessment tests in English, Maths, Spelling and Reading
6 th June	Possible Start of Ramadan (TBC)	Shortened school hours – More information to follow
30 th June	End of term 3	

This week


This week in English we looked at 'M' Word spellings and Tricky Words and definitions. We continued our work on 'Persuasive Writing' and created very persuasive arguments against the hunting and capturing of whales. We used our knowledge of Persuasive language and structure and wrote very articulate pieces to convince the reader. We drafted and re-drafted our work before creating a final piece for display on the wall.

This week's focus in Maths has been repetition of x 8 tables and division by 8. We continued to revise and recap on a lot of different Maths concepts: Time, Area, Perimeter, Times Tables, shorthand Multiplication and rounding to the nearest 10,100 and 1000. We also looked at Fractions and are understanding better the meaning of Equivalent Fractions.



We continued discussion and Art work for our 'Monsters of the Deep' topic this week. We each created a Whale picture for our class wall display and learned about different types of whales. We found out information about the hunting and mistreatment of whales and dolphins held in captivity. This information informed discussion and helped to form our opinions for our persuasive writing piece.

Specialists

Music

We have started learning a song called 'Lighting Up the Flame.' Each year group has a different part so that it will eventually be sung together in harmony. We are learning it and hoping to record it before the end of May, so that our voices can be included in the official theme song for lighting the flame at the Rio 2016 Olympics Opening Ceremony.



Arabic Non-Native

This week the children learned a new lesson about Let's play and children tried hard to read correctly and with expression.

We will also learn the new vocabulary and translate some paragraphs, or sentences into English.



Islamic Native

- هذا الأسبوع درسنا معاً سورة البينة
- والأسبوع القادم سنكمل سورة البينة

Swimming



This week the children focused on developing their technique for Butterfly stroke. They worked independently on improving their leg kick, ensuring that it is a strong beat, and then worked with a partner to refine the keyhole shaped arm action. The children made good progress this week and some were able to complete a length of the pool.

Star of the Week

This week's Star of the Week is being awarded to the whole class for all their hard work and exceptional writing this week. It would be too difficult to choose only one child this week. Well done to Grade 3 and enjoy a hard-earned few days break!



The week ahead

Next week we will be continuing to look at 'Persuasive Language' and continue with the Persuasive Writing genre. Children will be continuing to structure their writing and use persuasive vocabulary in order to convince the reader. We will also be continuing with Poetry and over the next number of weeks we will look at different forms of Poetry. In Maths we will continue to focus on Fractions and equivalent fractions and we will be looking at Handling Data and creating different types of graphs to interpret data.



Reminders



Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school every day.

HOMEWORK

- Homework to be completed in pencil.
- Homework to have the date clearly written at the top of each night's work.
- Title and date work.

Have a lovely long weekend and a huge well done to every student for their contribution to the Arabic concert. We have some super performers and very talented speakers.

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