

Stow Heath Primary School Year 3 Spring Term 1



Our Topic is - What's on our doorstop?

In Science, we will be learning about light and shadows. We are going to explore how light is reflected from surfaces, and explain how shadows are formed. In addition, we are going to carry out an investigation to find patterns in the way the size of a shadow can change.

In History, we will be learning about the history of Willenhall and Wolverhampton and how it has changed over time. We will explore how people lived during the Victorian times and begin to understand how living conditions have changed. We will also use a range of sources to research and investigate an historical landmark in Wolverhampton.

In Art, we will be researching and finding out about a local sculptor Willard Wigan and compare his work with Alberto Giacometti's artwork. Then we will be using photography to capture movement and from this create our very own sculptures using junk materials and mod roc.



Literacy



This half term the children will be reading and developing their writing skills through a variety of genres, such as:

Fiction – Stories from the same author – Roald Dahl – The Twits and James and the Giant Peach

Poetry – Roald Dahl – Revolting Rhymes – Humorous poems

Children will also continue to use and improve their skills in reading fluently and develop their comprehension skills.



Numeracy



During this half term, the children will be focusing on the following topics:

- Multiplication and division including formal methods for both
- Learning 3, 4 and 8 times tables including corresponding division facts
- Time tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and 1 minute. Understanding am and pm time. Understand the relationship between analogue and digital time. Tell the time using the 12 and 24-hour clock and calculate duration of events using timetables.

Children will also develop their mental maths skills, through 'Shooting Maths Stars' scheme. Each week children will be tested and move up the different star levels.



Reminders

- PE kit: White T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps in a bag with all items named. PE is every Monday for both 3J and 3W.
- Children are encouraged to bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom that contains only water. As part of the **food standards** parents should not send flavoured water or squash.
- All money is to be sent into school in a named envelope.
- Please send in homework for Friday and help your children to learn their spellings for a test every Friday.
- Reading books to be sent to school every day and home books will be changed every Monday.

Key Dates for this half term

- Half Term 19th February 23rd February
- Wednesday 31st January Open Evening.
- Thursday 29th March School Closed INSET DAY