w/c 30/10/23

Hello families,

What a wet and wild week! I hope you managed to enjoy the outdoors in between all the rain.

This week, we'll hit the ground running and pick up where we left off before half term. We will begin our third piece of writing focusing on descriptive writing. We will be using the modern classic Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone as our focus text. The children will learn to use figurative language including metaphors, similes and personification. Over the course of the next three weeks, I would like to use snippets from the movie to support the children's writing, however it is a PG-rated movie. If you think it would be unsuitable for your child, please let me know over the coming days.

In maths, we'll begin adding and subtracting three-digit numbers. The children will recap previous learning to build confidence before moving on to new learning. To support with this at home, children need to be able to add and subtract across 10. Asking a few simple questions each evening would massively support their learning in class. Please see the examples below you could use. Using Lego bricks, pasta shapes, colouring pencils would support visual learning. You can try different numbers, as long as they cross 10, to increase speed and fluency of number.

9 + 4 =	2 + 9 =	3 + 8 =	18 – 9 =	12 – 4 =	11 – 8 =
6 + 5 =	6 + 6 =	6 + 7 =	15 – 6 =	13 – 6 =	14 – 7 =
8 + 7 =	7 + 4 =	3 + 9 =	17 – 8 =	16 – 9 =	15 – 9 =

Over the course of the week, the children will be introduced to a number of new topics. In Geography, we will begin to explore volcanoes and earthquakes. In Design and Technology, we will be making a decoration for the Christmas Fayre. In Spanish, we will tackle basic greeting sentences and in RE, we will look at what it means to be a Sikh in Britain today.

As always, reading is our priority. Thank you for all your support so far and please continue to upload reading to Boomreader. I'm looking forward to handing out more Reading Karate bands this week.

Please remember all children need a coat, water in water bottles and healthy snacks for break time. Our **PE** day this week is Wednesday and all homework is due tomorrow. Please see the attached spellings for the next six weeks. Paper copies will also be sent home.

Have a great week,

Mr Hughes

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