

Year 3 Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have started our exciting new topic; Quests. We have found out what a quest is through watching a short film about a knight going on a quest. We discovered that this type of story is a little bit like a fairy tale but:

- they are usually set in the past
- the hero is sent to find something important e.g. a ring, jewels or to rescue a princess
- the hero has to travel a long way on his quest
- the journey is dangerous with problems along the way
- there is a villain, normally a beast, who the hero has to fight a battle with
- at the end there is a celebration.

In Numeracy, the children have been applying the compact method of addition and subtraction to a range of word problems. They have had to use their reading skills to work out what operation the question was asking them to use, either addition or subtraction. An example:

Michael had 162 stickers. He swapped 45 for a comic and 28 for a poster. How many stickers does he have now?

Once again, they have done very well transferring these new Year Three skills. They are now really competent at setting out the numbers in specific columns.

Our latest Science topic 'Magnets and Forces' has been introduced this week. The children have been investigating the strength of different magnets. They have worked as a group to find out if all magnets were the same strength. Together they devised a simple fair test using a range of magnets and paper clips. Everyone did an amazing job testing, recording, writing a method and then we shared the results.

Well done to all those families who are continuing the routine of reading regularly at home. We expect children to change their school reading book 2-3 times a week and support from parents in this is very much appreciated.

Many thanks,

Miss Robinson and Mrs Hirst