



Brain Teaser: What has a mouth but cannot eat? What moves but has no legs? What has a bank but you cannot put money in it?

Welcome back! Class 3

Term 2a - Spring

by Mr Weeks

Welcome to the Spring term – it's amazing how quickly the first term went! This half term, year 3 and 4 are splitting up for maths and English so they have the opportunity for smaller group, focused support which has proved very successful in the past. I will be taking the year 4 group and Mrs Whisker will be taking the year 3s.

Maths

Maths will focus on fractions, percentages and decimals whilst still incorporating the four operations (+ - x ÷). Please can I ask that you practise 6 and 8 x tables with your child using the *Going for Gold* booklet. If you need another one of these, please let me know.

English

We have started to read *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and pupils will have the opportunity to develop their spoken and written vocabulary, make predictions and draw inferences through different contexts including diary entries and story boards. Every pupil now has their own log in to access a huge range of e-books which are interactive and tailored to their

level. This can be accessed on www.activelearnprimary.co.uk followed by their username (thomasg) and their password (thomas). The school code is cmp3. If you have any issues logging in or accessing the books, please let me know. If pupils are struggling to read at home, this may be an alternative to engage them – it can be accessed via PC, laptop or tablet.

Science

This half term, the topic we will be focusing on is forces and magnets. Miss Jewett will be teaching this.

PE

Swimming will continue to run until May. Please can I remind parents that swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and as such, I appreciate your support in keeping absences to a minimum. Swimming hats are also a requirement. We have a specialist dance teacher coming in on a Friday morning throughout the first half term.

Art/DT

Pupils are going to explore some famous artists this half term. In particular, some of Van Gogh's work

and the children will have the opportunity to use a range of media including watercolours and pastels.

ICT

Pupils are going to explore computer coding at greater depth and look at designing their own games through software such as Hopscotch – a coding app for the iPad. If pupils have access at home, they could practise getting to grips with it.

RE

Miss Jewett will be continuing to teach RE about Christian belief, perceptions about Jesus and moving towards discussions about Lent.

Geography

Geography will focus on the geographical nature of the UK and exploring capital cities and different towns and counties. We will also have the opportunity to use atlases and online software.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mr M Weeks

