

Flame Tree Class Year 3 : Spring 1 Newsletter

What will we be learning this half term?

English



This half term we have been using The Blue Umbrella, a short film by Pixar, to inspire our writing. We have been focusing on adding variety to our sentences by using figurative language to describe this NYC love story.

Mathematics

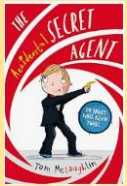


We begin this half term continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication and division and extending this through fluency to solve two-digit by one digit problems.

Phonics/Spelling

This half term we are continuing to develop our use of suffixes focusing on how they can be changed with different word endings. We are also continuing to practise using words from the Year 3 spelling list as well as common irregular spellings.

Home Reads



Our class is currently reading The Accidental Prime Minister.
Check out other books in this series by author Tom McLaughlin.

Foundation Subjects

This term in Science we have been learning about classification and food chains. In Computing we have been learning about coding using Scratch. A free account can be created for this at scratch.mit.edu
We will also be exploring the ancient Maya civilisation with artwork linked to Mayan artefacts.

Upcoming dates

- Reading Support for Parents sent home on Friday 24th January, please look for it in your child's book bag.
- Book looks WB 27th Jan
- Parent meetings WB 3rd Feb
- Safer Internet day – 11th Feb
- Half term 17th Feb

General notices

- P.E. - Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.
- Please bring in a named coat and water bottle daily.
- Read at home and earn House Points for each read recorded by a parent.



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You can support our learning even further...

Test us on...

How can you identify different animal species. What classifies an animal as a mammal?

Ask me about the Sumerian number system, this will help me to understand how this links to the Mayan civilisation.

Ask us to explain...

How to use fluency to answer TO x O.
How can I use 4 x 6 to help solve 40 X 60 = 240?
40 x 6, 4 x 60 and 60 ÷ 4

Make sure we tell you why it isn't just "adding a zero"!

Question us about...

How many AR quizzes have I completed this term so far?

What was your favourite part of The Accidental Prime Minister so far?

What is a fronted adverbial, and how can I use them to start a sentence?
E.g. **Interestingly**, they add variety to our sentences.

See if we can remember...

Can you read and spell?

magically frantically separate

Words ending in -ic need an al before adding the suffix –ly (usually- there are a few exceptions)