



to Poplars!

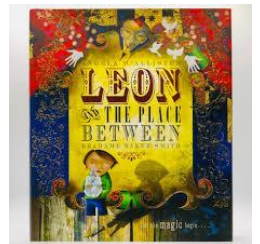
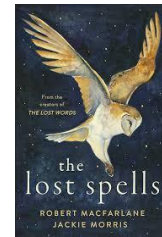
We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are now looking forward to the exciting opportunities that the autumn term has to offer. We are looking forward to getting to know the children, ensuring that they are provided with a rich curriculum that will support and nurture their growing curiosity about the world around them. We aim to help children develop a sense of independence and ownership of the work they produce throughout Year 3.



Britain.

Our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age', where we will explore life for humans throughout the timeline of this period. We will learn about how they lived, the food they ate, how they made their clothing/tools, and the various important roles they had in their everyday life. Children will take this opportunity to explore how times have changed from the days of old and what impact the Stone/Bronze/Iron Age had on modern

In English, Poplars will be reading *Leon and the Place Between* and *The First Drawing*. Through these books they will be exploring how to create their own version of fantasy narratives and also their own historical narrative. They will also be completing whole class guided reading looking at *The Lost Spells*, then *Arthur and the Golden Rope*.



In Maths, we will be exploring place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They will develop a more fluent understanding of number and develop skills in mental maths. We will also be supporting children to learn their times tables as this will support their learning as they progress to the later years of primary. Children will be given logins for Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars and will be encouraged to regularly practise on these platforms inside and outside of school.



Homework will be sent home every Thursday and will be due on the following Tuesday morning. Children's homework will be sent home in folders and will include the following:

- One piece of Mathematics supporting their current learning.
- Reading comprehension.
- A spelling, grammar, or punctuation exercise.

We would also like to see the children reading at least four times a week outside of school to share their books at home. It would be super to see this recorded in their reading diary.

This term, our science lessons will introduce the children to light, reflection, and shadow. They will learn about different sources of light and the importance of light for vision. The children will learn how to work scientifically, collaborate, and conduct investigations in



science; exploring how different materials can reflect light. Additionally, we will be looking at rocks, to identify how they are formed, their differences and their uses.

Creative Thursday Art sessions will be taught by Mrs Squire, who will support Poplars in exploring a range of different art mediums related to our topics and help children develop their fine motor skills. The children will create wonderful pieces that will explore prehistoric painting and focus on their use of shapes, shading and texture in art to enhance their drawing skills.

For RE, we will be exploring Christianity, Judaism, and different festivals. In PSHE, we will be learning about the importance of relationships and valuing differences.

We invite parents to join us on Tuesday 17th September, at 2:50pm in the Year 3 classroom to meet the teacher, where you can learn in detail about the plans for the rest of the academic year, as well as any educational trips we plan to organise in the coming months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email at year3@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing you soon,
Miss Wray-McCann, Mrs Squire and Mrs Coombs