

Headlands Primary School - Termly curriculum newsletter

Year 3, Term 2 *Do you think the HS2 will benefit the United Kingdom?*



Our prime learning challenge this term is: **Do you think HS2 will benefit the United Kingdom?** The children will learn about the HS2 project and how it will impact on the environment and local communities, exploring both sides of the argument relating to the project. There will be a visit to a train station to experience first hand what railway life is like. **As Geographers** the children will explore the relationship between continents, countries and counties, and will be able to name and locate some of the counties that the HS2 will run through. This theme will be an exciting stimulus for the children in **Design Technology**, as they will design and build their own bridge which needs to be strong enough to provide wildlife with safe passage across the HS2 train tracks! **As Designers**, the children will investigate different types of bridges, exploring the structure and strength, then design, construct and evaluate their constructions. This theme will inspire the children as **Writers**, as they will compose a persuasive letter to the Prime Minister, encouraging him to either prevent or go ahead with the project, depending on the outcomes of the debate!

As Writers, the children will take the journey through different plot points in the story 'Owl Moon', then create their own story of mystery and suspense. **As Readers**, children will be exploring fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts each week, become reading detectives in order to retrieve and infer different information. **As Mathematicians**, children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction and will begin to use the column method. They will continue to explore different ways of representing working out, while continuing to enhance basic skills and their learning of times tables. **As Scientists**, the children will learn about the diets of different animals, including humans. They will name the main bones in the human body and the three main purposes of the skeleton. They will identify vertebrates, invertebrates and exoskeletons and explain the differences between them, while discovering how muscles help us to move. In other subjects, children will continue to learn **French** and enhance their speaking and listening skills in this language. In **RE**, we will explore festivals such as Christmas and Diwali, focussing on the celebrations as a festival of light and love. In **PSHE** the children will be celebrating the differences in themselves, their families and others as well as discussing how to solve conflicts in their lives. In **Computing**, the children will develop their coding skills, using Scratch software. In **Music** the children will be taught to play simple rhythms on the ukulele.

Please log on the website to find the knowledge organisers for this term:

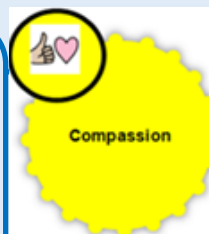
<http://www.headlandsprimary.co.uk/parents/curriculum.php> These will support conversations that you may have at home about what we will be teaching and the vocabulary that we will be using.

We look forward to another fabulous term.



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Things to remember:

PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday On PE days, the children must come to school in their PE kit. Although P.E. lessons will be indoors, in the winter months, joggers are advisable.

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(We will endeavour to respond to your emails between 9-4.30 in the week, during term time)

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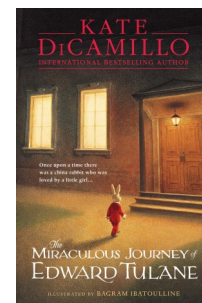
Our visit to the train station will be on 10th November.

Mental Health Awareness Day—9th November

Friendship week is week commencing 13th November

Flu Vaccinations (optional)—23rd November

End of term is **Wednesday 20th December 2023.**



Class reader synopsis: The magical story of the adventures of a lost toy rabbit. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... and finally learns what it is to truly love.

Our Virtue this term is **COMPASSION**. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about Compassion at home.

What does it mean to be compassionate?

What does compassion look like?

How does compassion make you feel?

When might we need compassion?

When have others shown compassion to you?