

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2020



YEAR THREE

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to wish you a happy New Year and welcome to the start of 2020.

Our Topic

Term 3: Forces

We will be looking at forces and motion.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about counting in steps of 2, 4 and 8, fractions and division, ordering fractions, and measuring in centimetres and millimetres

In order to support your child, you could measure items around the home, practice counting forwards and backwards in numbered steps, and use basic column addition and subtraction.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: *3 times table*

x2 x10 x5 x4 x3 x8 x6 x9 x7 x11 x12 p1

In English, we will be learning about: *stories, play dialogue, chronological reports, explanation texts and letters.*

In order to support your child, you could discuss how plots and characters are developed by authors, both in books and in television dramas. You could also look at the layout of letters and the features they include. The spellings your child will be learning this term may be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you would help your child learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are

reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

Our PE days are Monday/Friday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Tuesday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

6.1.20 First day of term 3
20.1.20 Art Week (whole school)
11.2.20 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
12.2.20 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30
14.2.20 Last day of term 3
24.2.20 First day of term 4

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Visit your local supermarket and think about the force needed to move an empty trolley compared to a full trolley.
- Look around your home and think about objects that need force to move (pulls, pushes and twists).
- Make a kite and think about how air moves it.
- Why not design a parachute to try to protect an egg being dropped from a certain height? Take a photo or bring it in for us to see. 😊
- Use a fridge magnet to try and find out what materials are magnetic. You can even make your own magnet by rubbing a paperclip against a magnet.

Yours sincerely

Miss Farrar, Miss Sturt and Mrs Morris
Year 3 Class Teachers

How to make a kite

What you need

A4 sheet of paper
Sticks
String
Ribbon (Optional)
Ruler
Pencil

Method

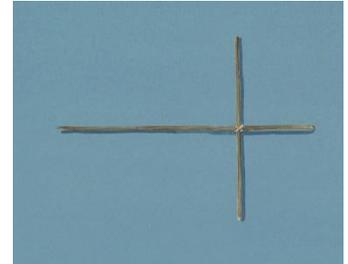
1. Make the sail of your kite with a sheet of A4 paper. On either side, measure 7cm down from the top. Use ruler or other straight edge to draw a line between these marks and the top centre. Draw two more lines from the marks at the side to the bottom centre, to form a diamond.
2. Carefully, cut out the diamond.



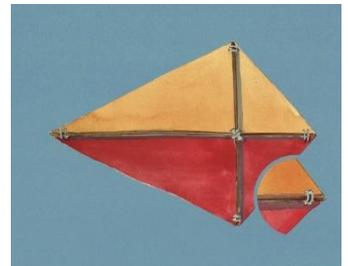


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3. Have a look outside for sticks that are roughly 29cm and 20 cm. These will be used to support the kite. Tie the two spars together with string. Check that the spar-ends still line up with the corners of the paper sail. Then, knot firmly and trim any excess.



4. At each corner, use something sharp like a pencil to pierce two holes on either side of the spar (take care!). Thread string through each hole and tie it to the spar, leaving some loose ends for attaching ribbons. Glue the spars to the paper and allow to dry.



5. Finally, you can attach some string as seen in the picture to the right. You could also add tie some ribbon to the bottom of your kite to decorate.

