



# Hellingly Community Primary School

## Stars Class

### Term 3 Newsletter

#### **What skills does an explorer need to travel the world?**

In this term we will have a geographical focus which will cover the use of maps and atlases to follow the routes taken by explorers by understanding coordinates and compass points. We link this to our core text "The Explorer" and discuss how deforestation is affecting climate change. In English the children will learn how to write an argumentative piece as well as writing in role as one of the characters from our story. In science we will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.

**Maths Core text**

We will be continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme to support your child's Maths learning. In term 3 we will cover:

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals

Please support your child at home by using TT Rockstars and revising use of the four operations

Helpful websites:

<https://mathsbot.com/>  
<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>  
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm>

Please remember to write in your child's reading record each time you hear them read at home. Reading records will be checked weekly by the class TA.

Ask your child comprehension questions to help them develop their understanding of the text. For example:

- How do you know that character feels like this?
- What evidence can you find to show this?
- Which word shows this....?
- Can you find any similarities/ differences?
- Why do you think the author has chosen to write it like that?

This term our class novel is "The Explorer" by Katherine Rundell. This is an Amazon adventure set in the wilderness of Brazil, filled with mystery and memorable characters. A plane crash, a fire, four surviving children and a lost city are packed into a rip roaring adventure.

**Spellings Important Dates**

Your child will receive weekly spellings taken from the Hellingly spelling overview. These spelling words can be found on our class web page. We will look at the spelling patterns and exceptions during lessons. These will be uploaded to the website on a Monday and be tested the Following Monday.

Please continue working through the year 5 and 6 spelling wordlists at home. Children will be encouraged to use these words in their daily writing. These words will be picked up in their writing in class.

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 term 3 start  
Friday 2nd February 2024 Friendship Disco

Friday 9th February- last day of term 3

Monday 19th February start of term 4

### **Don't forget! Special Events, News, Activities**

PE is on a Monday and Wednesday (Mrs Norton). Please ensure your child is prepared for all weathers.

Keep checking our class page on the website for important news and information.

#### **Facebook Page**

Please like our page Hellingly Community Primary School to keep updated. You can also find the link to this page on our school website.

