

### Dates for the diary:

- PTFA meeting AGM Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 6.30-7.30
- Parents Evening Tues 18<sup>th</sup> and Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October
- INSET days – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- KS2 Parent Reading meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 7-7.30
- Term 2 start date – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

### We are Writers

As Writers we have been completely captivated by the wordless book **The Midnight Fair**. We've immersed ourselves in the magical setting of a fairground after dark and written our own story openings using past tense verbs and interesting adjectives!

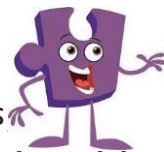
We will continue to use this key grammar in our non-fiction writing in a diary in role based on the stunning picture book, **Leon and the Place Between**.

In Spelling, we have been revising the spelling rules for adding Y2 suffixes to root words.



We have loved our handwriting lessons and have made huge progress in using a consistently cursive script.

### We are Self-Aware Citizens



During our Friday afternoon PSHE lessons we have been exploring the theme **Being Me in My World**. In this learning we have been setting personal goals, considering the different consequences of our actions and thinking about how to face new challenges positively.

We also reflect on our behaviour for learning and set ourselves a gem target for the week ahead.

### We are Geographers

As Geographers we will be developing our locational knowledge of England. We will learn the counties, significant cities and human and physical landmarks of our region, the South West of England.

In our writing lessons we will create a poster to persuade people to come to the South West!



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### We are Scientists

In our learning as Scientists this term, we will be identifying different insects, their roles and life cycles. Within this unit we will also be artists, creating collages that show the different body parts of an insect.

We will apply our knowledge to write a set of instructions for how to turn into a butterfly, using the text **A Butterfly is Patient**. We will also be reading the brilliant non-fiction text **The Bee Book** to support our learning.



### General reminders

Year 3 PE lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday. Please send your children into school in their trainers on these days.

Your child should be bringing home two reading books a week. They can change these independently when they are ready. Please support them on their reading journey with lots of reading at home!

### We are Mathematicians

In Maths, we have been recapping strategies for adding and subtracting bridging 10. We have used ten frames and number lines to demonstrate our reasoning.

We will now be moving on to look at the composition of numbers to 1000, demonstrating our knowledge of place value in different representations such as money, and diennes.

Throughout our maths learning this term, we will continue to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills, with a particular focus on using our talking topaz power to share our ideas, and explain thinking.



### This term we will also be...

**Athletes** - developing our fundamental skills on a Tuesday, and our dodgeball skills on a Thursday.

**Philosophers** – learning about the key principles of different religions.