



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter – Spring 2, 2024



Miss Wellings, Miss Hopkins, Mrs Pagan, Mrs Fritz and Mrs Stubbs

### This half term we are learning:

**English:** In English, we will be continuing our work on our non-chronological reports about pangolins and will be creating our own reports about a creature of our choice. We will then move onto a new explanation text unit about robot animals

**Maths:** We will be completing work based around our four operations and will then be focussing on using fractions in different ways. We will continue to work on increasing the speed of our times tables knowledge.

**Science:** Our new Science topic will focus on rocks and soils. We will find out about different types of rocks, how fossils are formed and different layers of soil.

**History:** In History, we will be learning about the Windrush generation. We will be finding out about the impact of the Windrush generation on life today.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around temperate deciduous forests. We will look at location, flora and fauna, and layers. We will then compare this biome with our knowledge of tropical rainforests.

**Art:** We will be learning all about Andy Warhol and the pop art movement. We will be creating our own art using ink printing techniques.

**Music:** Our lessons will continue to be focussed around instruments of the orchestra. Our recorder playing is sounding amazing and we will be increasing our repertoire of songs.

**French:** We will be learning lots of French vocabulary related to animals.

**PSHE:** In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Healthy Me'.

**PE:** In PE this half-term, we will be learning dance skills with Mr Cross.

**RE:** We will be learning all about different Jewish celebrations.

**Computing:** In our computing lessons, we will be continuing our work on coding before moving onto a focus on touch typing.

### Message from the teachers:

We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term and the children have continued to work hard and to impress all of the staff. We are really looking forward to seeing what they can achieve during these next five weeks. Not only have the children been progressing academically but they have shown real care and kindness towards each other.

It was really lovely to see you all at our latest set of events. The second reading café was a real success and we hope that you found our maths workshop useful. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our parents evenings this half-term where we can celebrate your children's achievements together.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the children with their homework tasks. We have had some real masterpieces handed in that the children have proudly shared.

### Suggested Home Learning Activities

The children have been working really hard to increase the speed of their times tables knowledge. They have been trying hard to change the colour of their heat maps by getting faster and faster at answering questions. It would be great if you could encourage your children to look at their heat maps on the garage mode of TTRS regularly. Not only will this encourage them to practise more in order to change the colours but it will help them to see the benefits of their hard work.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. The children are enjoying seeing their rockets move as they take their quizzes and we are seeing real improvements in their reading fluency and comprehension. Reading at home helps them to read more books, take more quizzes and reach their targets at a faster rate. It's also a fun, relaxing activity which makes their imaginations expand. Why not take a look at the regular reading newsletters for inspiration.