

# Class 3 Learning Newsletter

This half term, we will be exploring the story, 'A Child's Garden' by Michael Foreman. This is an extremely moving story of a child creating a garden of hope in the midst of poverty and war. A boy's world is ruin and rubble, with a wire fence and soldiers separating him from the cool hills where his father used to take him as a small child. Can a tiny, green plant shoot give him hope in a bleak landscape? We will also be using other stories and film clips to inspire our writing.

## Science

The children's science topic this half term is 'Space'. They will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the moon's phases. The Sun and the planets will be investigated, along with the other stars in their constellations.



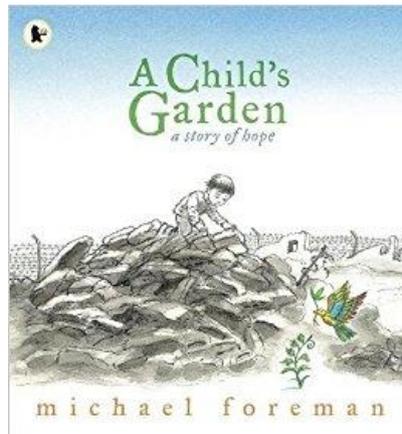
## Religious Education

Our RE topic will be 'What makes a leader worth following?'

Our Christian value focus this half term is 'Friendship'.

## PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on a Monday morning and that it remains in school for the week.



## Literacy

This term, where possible, our English work will be linked to our story 'A Child's Garden'. The children will first be researching the author, Michael Foreman and writing a biography of his life. They will be writing diary entries, descriptive pieces and poetry.

We will also continue to focus on sentence structure, using VCOP, reading comprehension and grammar. Please ensure that your child spends time learning their weekly spellings and reading on a regular basis.

## Spanish

The children will revise key vocabulary/phrases. They will learn how to buy items in a shop or restaurant.

## Maths

We will be looking at converting measures including miles and kilometres, using scale factors and solving time questions.

We will continue to revise all maths concepts covered leading up to the Year 6 SATS including mental arithmetic and calculation methods.

Year 5 will continue to work on percentages and solving word problems as well as adding and subtracting fractions including mixed numbers and long division.

Please continue to support your child with the learning of their times tables.

