

Dear Families,

Wow, where did that half-term go? The past six weeks have been a whirlwind of excitement and discovery for Class 3! From crafting incredible insects to dissecting flowers—and everything in between—it's been a busy and enriching time.

The children have truly excelled in their extended narrative writing based on *Escape from Pompeii*. Their enthusiasm and creativity have shone through, producing some outstanding pieces that absolutely *blew* our socks off! Alongside this, our geography topic on Earthquakes and Volcanoes has led to some fascinating discoveries— have you heard of a *Firenado*? For those who love a challenge, there's an optional homework task to create a tornado in a bottle. Instruction sheets were available for anyone who wished to take part.

After the break, we'll be diving into our new class book, *Charlotte's Web*. If your child would like to bring a copy from home, they're more than welcome—just remember to put their name on.

In maths, we've been exploring length and perimeter. On Wednesday, the children were introduced to *Mr. Perri Meter*, and they were quite dismayed to learn that poor Mr. Perri Meter is never allowed inside a closed 2-D shape—he must always stay on the 'perimeter'! Next half-term, we will be moving on to fractions.

Art has been a highlight this term, with the children working in house teams to create an array of wonderfully unusual insects. Using pipe cleaners, pom-poms, and googly eyes, they drew inspiration from the artist Jennifer Angus. These will be coming home in bags today —definitely some budding entomologists in the making!

Science has been particularly hands-on and engaging. As part of our *Plants* topic, the children had a fantastic time dissecting tulips last Friday. They were able to identify key parts such as the stamen (anther and filament), the carpel (stigma, style, and ovary) and the sepal. Next half-term, we'll be diving into *Living Things and Their Habitats*, another fascinating topic filled with exciting scientific discoveries.

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> was a special day for lots of reasons – it was International Women in Science and Engineering and Safer Internet day. In year groups, Year 3 looked at how not to get scammed on-line while Year 4 looked at phishing and how people can get hooked and reeled in by scammers. Each year group discussed different scenarios and could tell me which were safe and those that raised obvious alarm bells. Today, we looked at some important women who lead the way in the fields of science, technology and engineering, inspiring us all to challenge ourselves and strive to be our best selves.

There will be no homework set over the break but do check bags for a little Valentine surprise. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and some quality family time!

Best wishes,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller