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Curriculum Newsletter for Parents

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Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this half-term. Please feel free to email yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk if you have any queries.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be implementing a catch-up curriculum to revise key important topics to support the children with their return to school. These important topics include the revision of the times tables (with emphasis on the 2, 3, 4's and 8's). Children will be expected to learn these tables, not only to help them with their multiplication, but division as well. Therefore, there will also be a catch-up curriculum for division. Children will get an opportunity to review the skills they may have forgotten or need more support with.

Please make sure your child revises their times tables at home. Little and often is best; allow your child to be very confident with the times table that they are working on before moving onto the next. Times Table Rock Star is an excellent resource; we suggest 10 minutes practice a day. The internet has a wide variety of support material that may be of use to you. We may be giving times table tests at various intervals to check their progress.

English

Into the Forest by Anthony Browne

This picture book, with its highly detailed illustrations, provides a great deal for classes to explore. The narrative and images depict a young boy's imagination as he ventures into the forest to face his fears. The gaps in the main storyline enable children to relate it to their own experiences. The intertextuality, through rich fairy tale references, provides lots of opportunities for making links with the children's knowledge of other texts.

Writing Outcomes:

- Writing in role
- balanced argument
- play script

Vocabulary and Grammar Focus:

- Descriptive language and figurative language
- Formal language
- Conjunctions
- Adverbials

Computing

In this half term, the children will learn about coding using support packages on Purple Mash. Our units this half term are 'Internet Safety' and 'Spreadsheets.'. The objectives are as follows;

- To understand how the Internet can be used in effective communication.
- To understand how a blog can be used to communicate with a wider audience.
- To consider the truth of the content of websites.
- To learn about the meaning of age restrictions symbols on digital media and devices.
- To use the symbols more than, less than and equal to, to compare values.
- To use 2Calculate to collect data and produce a variety of graphs.
- To use the advanced mode of 2Calculate to learn about cell references.

Science

In this unit children will explore what plants need to grow well. They will compare how plants grow in different soils and explore how fertilisers can be used to improve growth. Children will investigate the amount of water needed to help a leafy pot plant grow well. They will also investigate how space affects plant growth by comparing how well grass seeds grow with more or less space. They will use what they have learned to grow a mystery plant from seed. Children will use the results from their investigations to produce a helpful hints and tips card to describe what helps plants grow better.

Working Scientifically, children will set up simple comparative tests to compare the effect of soil, water, fertilisers and space on plant growth. They will use a range of equipment to measure the amount of water, soil and seeds needed in different investigations. They will make careful observations and record how their plants change over time.

P.E

In PE Year 3 the children will be continuing with their physical exercise programme. Where there are opportunities, we will be teaching them outside. This half term they will be participating in Hockey and Net Ball and Dance.

Music

This half term, we will be following the curriculum where possible and learning songs around the theme, 'The Dragon Song'. This song is about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

PSHE

This half term, we will continue with the Jigsaw PSHE learning scheme. The focus for this half term is 'Dreams and Goal'. We will be discussing overcoming adversity and becoming goal-oriented.

MFL (French)

We will be continuing to focus on French phonics and pronunciation, as we learn more vocabulary. This half term we will be learning to express opinion using colours and other familiar nouns. Furthermore, we will explore word order, when writing sentences as well as reading some French traditional tales.

History

In History, we will be looking at the 'Ancient Greeks' The children will be expected to look at artefacts and discover how the Ancient Greeks lived through an archeological approach. They will also explore life for Ancient Greek women, the Olympics and their influence on our modern world.

Art/DT Painting

- To begin to develop artistic critique by exploring different paint brushes.
- To explore the effects of combining different components and elements in the context of colour mixing.
- To explore the effects of combining different components and elements in the context of texture.
- To learn about and develop different painting techniques.
- To use the same starting point of an artist to paint an element of the environment.
- To use the same starting point of an artist to paint a natural form.

Class Assemblies or trips:

Until further notice, class assemblies will just be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom. However, as your child's assembly approaches, please check if they have lines or song lyrics to practice before the performance date.

3H Assembly - Monday 17th January

3O - Monday 31st January

Ancient Greek Day - Thursday 10th February (more information to follow)

Please make use of our online resources at home

- Purple Mash
- Primary Active Learn (Bug Club)
- Mathletics
- Times Table Rock Star