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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. 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.

For homework we are looking at units from the Mathematics scheme and will continue to send homework home. You may find that Maths test will also be sent home for the children to test their new and old skills. Please see us if you have any concerns.

English

In English we will also be reading a new book together, 'One Plastic Bag'. We will use this book to investigate predictions, speech writing, instructions and informal letters. Again, this is part of our catch-up curriculum to support children with their return to school.

This half term, we will learn about the following grammatical items:

- Basic punctuation revision
- Tenses
- Paragraphs

In addition to this, our attention will be focused on practicing comprehension questions. We will be learning the techniques and skills needed to answer these questions effectively.

Every Monday the children will be given spellings to learn. There will be a spelling test on these words on Friday, so it is important the children practice at home. For homework, we will be giving grammatical questions from the textbook to practice.

Computing

In this half term, the children will be learning about Touch Typing using support packages on Purple Mash. We will continue to support them with their E-Safety. Hopefully, the children should find this a fun and enjoyable topic.

Science

Last half term, the children investigated 'What Plants Need'. This half term we will be moving on to learning about the 'Parts of a Plant'. The children will be given the opportunity to use their scientific skills to explore the natural world around them and use scientific vocabulary with confidence and accuracy. We will be setting up simple, practical activities for them to investigate the parts of a plant and what each part does.

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 Wall Tennis.

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 using their recovery lessons on returning to school during Lockdown. These PSHE lessons will give an opportunity for the children to discuss any issues and support their return.

MFL (French)

We will be learning and recapping basic French phrases from last half term where possible. Moving forward, we will be learning how to respond to a story, the common colours, numbers, asking and answering about age and using articles.

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 archaeological approach. This will be linked to our Art Curriculum where we will be looking various aspects of their history through the art that they left behind.

Art/DT

Art this term will be focussed on supporting our History topic by creating mosaic pictures and clay pots in the style of the Ancient Greeks. We will also be making cards for various special occasions. We hope they enjoy this topic.

Class Assemblies or trips:

Information to come. Due to the pandemic we, unfortunately, won't be able to do any school trips until further notice.