

Summer 2 2021
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 continue to support the children with their times tables, as it is a vital skill for them to have, allowing them multiply and divide much larger numbers. This half term, we will be finishing our topic on fractions and introducing new topics. These important topics will include Mass, Time and Roman Numerals. Children will get an opportunity to perfect their mathematical skills that they may have forgotten, or need more support with.

Our new topic will be on Time. At this point, we will revise old skills and introduce new ones. The children will need to be able to use both the digital and analogue clocks.

Therefore, it is a good opportunity help them by asking them to tell the time using both methods.

In Mass we will be looking at the word problems and recapping vocabulary that they will need to know.

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 a variety of methods, from units on the Mathematics scheme, to interesting worksheets, as well as their Maths Homework Book.

Homework will continue to be weekly. Please see us if you have any concerns.

English

In English we will be reading a new book together, 'Charlotte's Web. We will use this book to investigate inferences, poetry, story maps and writing narratives focusing on characters, settings and plot.

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

- Prefixes and suffixes
- Word families
- Revision and preparation for year 4

In addition to this, our attention will be focused on practising 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, which will be stuck in their reading records. There will be a spelling test on these words on the Friday, so it is important the children practise at home.

Computing

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

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Magnets and Forces'. The children will be investigating the following question in this unit: 'can you make a tool that can move something on the floor far away from you?' They will explore the properties of magnets and magnetic materials. They will also be able to apply their knowledge of how things move on different surfaces to create a table top game. Working scientifically, children will investigate how toys can be grouped according to how they move. They will carry out simple experiments to investigate the topic.

P.E

In PE, Year 3 the children will be continuing with their physical exercise scheme as swimming will be delayed until further notice. Where there are opportunities, we will be teaching them outside. This half term they will be participating in more team games and athletic competitions.

Music

This half term, we will be following the curriculum where possible, and learning songs around the theme, 'Bring us together'. This disco song is about peace, hope and unity.

PSHE

We will continue with the Jigsaw PSHE learning scheme. The topic this half term is, 'Changing Me'. These PSHE lessons will give an opportunity for the children to think deeply about how their bodies change inside and outside as they develop.

MFL (French)

We will be learning and recapping basic French words phrases from last half term where possible. Moving forward, we will be learning new high frequency phrases, such as *je voudrais, j'adore/je déteste ... mais je voudrais, c'est qui*. We will also recap numbers in French and learn about the days of the week.

History

In History, we will be exploring the history of the 'Local Area.' The children will be expected to look at various sources (primary and secondary) and discover how useful they are. We will be looking at how our local history has changed over time and the impact of this. Our topic will also look at the history of our school. I hope that the children will enjoy this topic which will involve a lot of investigative work.

D&T

This this term will be focussed on supporting some key skills in the Design and Technology Curriculum. We will be learning about following instructions, paper folding, tying knots, split pins and sliders, as well as increased confidence with cutting skills. Please feel free to send in an old shirt or apron to protect your child's clothes. 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.