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8th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

Welcome back after a busy but, hopefully, very happy Christmas break. To help you to support your child's learning at home, please find an outline for this term's units. Suggestions for how you can do this are provided within specific curriculum subjects.

English - Reading

Over the course of this term in reading the children will be learning to:

- understand and discuss words in context
- discuss similarities and differences in different genres
- give opinions and justify them using the text
- use a dictionary
- identify key features of letters
- identify the features of poetry

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and reading homework.

You can help at home by reading every day and asking your child questions about what they have read, what they think will happen next and why. Practise looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary.

Writing

Throughout all subjects it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script.

In English writing lessons we will be learning to:

- use the present perfect verb tense
- write letters
- write a fairy tale
- make notes from nonfiction sources
- write a report
- write rhyming phrases and poems to be performed
- spell common exception words and words with suffixes and prefixes

You can help at home by helping your child learn the weekly list of spellings, practising for a few minutes daily using the look say cover write check method. You can also help your child develop their handwriting by practising letter combinations and high frequency words. Advice on positioning the body, hand and fingers for handwriting can be found at teachhandwriting.co.uk; they also provide examples for how to form letters correctly – look for the continuous cursive style.



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Mathematics

In this term our maths will be focussed on the following topics:

- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division
- fractions
- shape
- mass and capacity

You can help at home by practising the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10x tables. TT Rockstars is an online resource to help your child improve their tables but it does need doing several times a week for a few minutes at a time for best results. Practical tasks such as measuring and weighing, using coins and telling the time are also helpful for both this term's and next term's topics.

Science

In our Science lessons this term we will complete Light and dark before looking at a unit called Forces and Magnets. We will begin by recognising natural or man-made light sources before looking at how shadows are formed and different types of shadows.

Computing

This term we will continue with touch typing before moving onto internet safety, spread sheets and branching databases. We will consider what makes a safe password and whether everything on the internet is true. Within our work on spreadsheets, we will create pie charts and bar graphs and use the 'more than', 'less than' and 'equals' tools. We will also use the 2calculate program on Purple Mash. Our work on branching databases will involve us using just 'yes' or 'no' questions to identify and sort objects.

History and Geography

In Geography we will be studying South America. We will be using atlases to locate countries and capital cities and physical features of that continent. We will describe and understand key aspects of human geography including land use and trade links and the distribution of natural resources.

In History we will be studying Ancient Greece. We will look at significant events, early democracy, theatre and writing, religion and learning from artefacts. A trip to Chertsey Museum will enrich and extend this learning.

Art and Design Technology

In Art we will study collage and create pictures using different materials. In DT we will be doing a project about making bread.

Music

We will continue to learn trombone with Berkshire Maestros. Children will learn to read music as well as experiencing different genres of music.

Physical Education

PE this term will be invasion games, swimming and hockey with Premier Sports.



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Religious Education

We will look at the miracles of Jesus before studying the Easter Story towards the end of the term.

French

We will be learning French vocabulary and phrases with a school and classroom theme.

Please support your child with their home learning (See Homework Policy on our website). If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by some visits to places of interest linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

We will, as always, be keeping in touch with Class News.

Kind regards,

Helen Wakeman and Cat Foster

Y3 Class Teachers