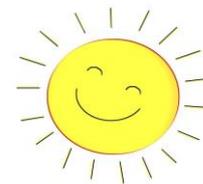


Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 3 Summer 1st Half Term: April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during such uncertain and difficult times. I hope you have found the suggested activities and resources that have been sent to you, useful and that your children are enjoying their learning at home. It has been wonderful to see some photos of the things they have been doing over the last few weeks! Here is a brief outline of some of the topics we will be covering in each subject, during this half term of distance learning.

In **English** we will be having a book focus on the text 'Fly Eagle Fly' – we will look at descriptions, developing our knowledge of adverbs and adjectives. We will be creating noun phrases and fronted adverbials. We will look at the themes of the text, create some artwork, diary entries and poems linked to the story. We will as always, continue to have our weekly spellings, grammar and handwriting focus sessions.

In **Maths** we will be looking at the following areas: fractions, multiplying and dividing by 10 and diving by chunking. We will also do some work on reading and interpreting graphs and chart; and have a go at creating some of our own. We will complete the half term by looking at how we measure weight. We will of course, continue to have our weekly times tables and arithmetic focus sessions.

In **RE** we will be thinking back to one of our previous units of Sikhism and moving on to think about what is meant by the word 'commitment'. We will look at signs, symbols and artefacts of commitment, explore a Gurdwara (place of worship) and look at the Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi.

In **Science** we are continuing with our plant topic entitled 'How does your garden grow'. We will look at the life cycle of a plant, parts of a flower, the job of bees, how seeds are dispersed and interesting plants from around the world.

In **History** we will be exploring the Victorian era. We will think about Victorian history in our local area and chronology. We will explore the lives of rich and poor Victorians and find out who Queen Victoria was. We will then move on next half term to look at the lives of children and significant people and inventions of the Victorian era.

In **Computing** we are focusing on creative computing this half term. We will look at drawing with shapes and lines, manipulating and re-sizing objects, ordering, grouping shapes and creating layers. We will consider what makes an effective layout, create, edit and amend designs for presentation.

In **DT** we will be thinking about 'salad'. Exploring ideas, designing, where possible making and evaluating our designs.

In **Music** we will look at a variety of different elements of music, starting with pulse. We will also look at a variety of music styles and do lots of singing!

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children. When your child finishes reading a book, they might like to log on to **Accelerated Reader** to take a quiz. Use this link (<https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2239980/>) and the login details you have been sent.
- Don't forget **PE with Joe Wicks** is live at 9am every day or you can watch at any time via YouTube.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths; TT Rockstars; Oddizzi Geography Resource**.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**. **Photos** of some of the wonderful learning the children have been doing at home, are also uploaded to class pages on a regular basis.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.
- The current crisis is one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Here are a couple of really good websites I would like to share with you; both are an excellent source of support. They might be of help and answer some of the questions your children might be asking at this time.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via the class email y3@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net and Mrs Richardson or I will get back to you 😊

Mrs J Harris

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