



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year Three

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely break and are ready and raring for the next half term!

Over the next half term, Year 3 will be focusing on the geography topic 'Can you come on an American Trip' and also a science topic on 'How does your Garden Grow?'

In literacy the children will be reading and exploring the book 'Grandpa Chatterji' by Jamila Gavin. We will be exploring and analysing the text and doing some character analysis work leading into writing a character description. We will be learning a bit about where Grandpa Chatterji is from and as part of our unit on instructional writing look at recipes for a variety of Indian dishes and analyse their features. We will write a diary entry in the role of a character, discussing specific word use and discovering how emotion is portrayed through vocabulary. We will also be practising our extended writing, guided reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In maths the children will be covering money. They will be learning how to convert between pounds and pence, add and subtract money. In addition to this, they will be interpreting, collecting and presenting data on a chart, pictogram and bar chart. In addition, the children will be using cm and metres to measure length then move onto finding the perimeter of rectangles.

In science:

We will be thinking about the Garden and asking the question 'How does your Garden grow?'

The children will build on their experiences of identifying and growing plants in Key Stage 1. They will revise the names of the main parts of a plant (root, stem/trunk, leaf and flower), learning their functions and how these relate to their appearance and structure. They will learn about the absorption and transport of water and nutrients and the role of the leaf in making food for the plant. They will also learn about the parts of the flower, their roles in plant reproduction and the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

In Geography: we will be looking first at our own location starting with our own area, borough, city and country. This will be used to help children learn about the North American continent, and distinguishes between the terms 'continent', 'country', 'state' and 'city'. They will be planning a trip from East Barnet to Orlando exploring the oceans, continents, countries, states/boroughs and cities that could be crossed.

In Design & Technology: we will be focusing on food and nutrition. We will:

- finding out about the seasonality of different vegetables
- exploring different kinds of vegetable soup
- designing our own healthy vegetable soup

In PE we will: be continuing our coached sessions with a focus on tennis.

This half term our PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday, however some changes may occur, so please ensure children have a suitable PE kit in school every day.

In RE we will be thinking about Salvation and the Easter story. We will be asking the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?'

In Music We will then be focusing on Listening and Appraising.

In computing we will focus on coding using scratch.

Class teacher:

Date:



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Church services: If any parents or carers are able to come and support us at our Friday morning church worships, your help would be much appreciated.

Home learning for this term is as follows:

Reading: Please support your child with reading by hearing them between 20 – 30 minutes each day. It is helpful if you ask your child questions about the book as they read, to ensure they understand the texts.

Home-Learning folders will be sent home on Thursdays and are to be handed in by the following Tuesday.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions.

Thanks you!
Ms Baptiste and Miss Goringe

Year 3 class teachers.

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