



Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter

Year 3: Autumn, 2nd Half Term: November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fun-filled and restful half-term holiday.

With 8 weeks until the Christmas break, this half term is set to be a busy one, with many fun filled and festive challenges ahead!

In **English** we will start Autumn 2 with our focus text 'Macbeth'. Last half term, the children took part in an interactive Shakespeare workshop, retelling the story of Macbeth and this half term we look forward to our junior's trip to Wyllyotts Theatre; where The Young Shakespeare Company will act out this classic tale. The children will be exploring the text, characters and settings and will create their own TV and newspaper reports. Later in the half term, we will look at the enchanting story 'The Empty Stocking' and the children will be doing some descriptive writing based around this text. We will also be practising our reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In **Maths** we will be extending our knowledge of doubling and halving, looking at British coins, adding and subtracting money, measuring length and capacity, rounding to 10 and 100; and exploring number line subtraction. We will also continue to work on our 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables and related division facts.

In **RE** we will be exploring symbols of Christianity and searching for meanings within gospel stories and letters. The children will explore the meaning of The Trinity and will be investigating and discussing its importance to Christians. We will also be looking at symbols of Christmas and asking 'big questions' about the nativity story.

In **Computing** the children will be developing their drawing and desktop publishing skills. We will look at how to use shapes and objects to create pictures, edit and develop our ideas. The children will explore features such as layering, ordering and grouping.

We continue to receive coaching support during our Tuesday PE sessions, so please ensure children have a suitable kit in school everyday (**for indoor and outdoor use**). With Autumn temperatures dropping, we recommend that children bring in suitably warm clothing such as a tracksuits and shower proof coat. Please also ensure that girls who wear tight, also have a pair of socks in their kit bags.

Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Home-learning folders and spellings will continue to be sent home on **Fridays** and are to be handed in on the following **Wednesdays**. Please note, spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays. Please ensure children complete all home-learning and regularly practise their spellings and times tables.
- Please continue to encourage children to read regularly, this can be books from home, as well as school books. It is really helpful if parents and carers can take some time to read with the children and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support children's developing comprehension skills.

I look forward to seeing you all at the parent-teacher consultations on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November, where we will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to Y3, their progress and targets for this half term.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to one of the Year 3 team, or drop us a note.

