

## Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter



Year 3

Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the children have all had a fun-filled and restful half term break. During the holiday, I was busy writing the children's annual school reports and I look forward to discussing these with you at the end of term consultations. I can't believe that we are already half way through the academic year! The children have continued to work hard and I am very pleased with the progress they have made so far this year.

During Spring 2, the children will be working on a new **Science** focused topic 'How does your garden grow?' The children will build on their experience of identifying and growing plants from KS1. We will revise the main parts of a plant, learn about their functions and how these relate to their appearance and structure. We will also be learning about the absorption and transport of water and nutrients and the role of the leaf in making food for the plant. We will be discussing the parts of a flower and their roles in plant reproduction.

Whilst Mr Reedie is away training at his second school placement, Mrs Beechey will be taking Year 3 for **Geography** on a Wednesday afternoon. Together they will be finding out about North America, identifying countries in North America and states in the US. They will explore landscapes and the physical geography of The Rockies and compare and contrast different locations.

In **English** this half term we will be exploring the text 'Grandpa Chatterji'. The children will be discussing the characters and themes from the book, exploring vocabulary and linking the text to instructional writing. We will then move on to look at first person narratives and diary writing. Year 3 will also be practising their guided reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In **Maths** we will continue to consolidate and embed our knowledge of place value, developing our strategies for mental calculations using partitioning. We will also be looking at the following areas this half term: column addition, ordering numbers, telling the time, doubling, halving and grid method multiplication.

As you know, Year 3 will be swimming this half term, on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure children bring their full kit every Tuesday and a water proof coat. Please also ensure children have a suitable PE kit in school every day (tracksuits and trainers are recommended for outdoors. Plimsolls are recommended for indoor PE). If girls wear tights, please ensure they have socks in their PE bags. Finally, please ensure that children with long hair have their hair tied back.

### Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Home-learning and spellings will continue to be sent home on Fridays and folders should be returned to school on Wednesdays please. Spellings and Times tables tests will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings
- Please continue to encourage children to read daily, this can be school reading books **and** books from home
- Finally, please encourage children to use RM Easi Maths and Rockstar Times Tables each week. These are both, great resource for targeting and supporting key areas in maths

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 3 team ☺

Mrs Jennifer Harris

Date: February 2020