



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year Three

Summer 1st Half Term: April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter Break and are looking forward to the beginning of the Summer Term. This half term is set to be a busy one, with lots of interactive topic work, summer activities (including weekly swimming sessions) and exciting events, such as our whole school May Day Celebrations!

Year 3 will be starting the summer term with the science topic entitled "How does your garden grow?" during which, the children will take part in a range of interactive and cross-curricular activities. We will be looking at the different parts of a plant and thinking about their functions.

We will then be moving onto the exciting topic of 'Ancient Egypt'. We will explore who the Ancient Egyptians were, what they did and discuss whether Ancient Egypt deserves its reputation as one of the most important early civilisations.

In English we will be working from a focus text entitled 'Fly Eagle Fly'. The children will be describing the setting and exploring story themes, taking part in role play, hot seating; and linking their English work to PSHCE themes, such as self-esteem, motivation, resilience and perseverance. These activities aim to bring the story to life alongside the children's reading and writing. In addition to this, we will continue to practise our spelling, grammar, reading and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In Maths As well as consolidating previous maths units, this half term we will be working on the following areas: unit fractions, fraction of amounts, tenths as fractions and decimals. Equivalent fractions, ordering & comparing, addition and fractions (with the same denominator)

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 from 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 History:

We will identify reasons for Ancient Egyptian success, compare the lives led by different people in Ancient Egypt, understand and evaluate Ancient Egyptian religion, understand the nature of Ancient Egyptian pyramids, including how they were constructed and their use and understand the types of evidence that can be used to discover Ancient Egyptian life.

In Art and Design we will be looking at Egyptian art to tie into our topic.

We will be looking at and creating our own Egyptian jewellery

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

Our PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday. Year 3 will also be swimming again this half term on Wednesdays. Please remember a full swimming kit including a swimming hat.

Over the next 5 weeks the children will be preparing for the St Mary's May Day Celebrations. The children will present a Year 3 dance and join the whole school in song on Friday 24th May.

We very much hope that you can come along and join us on this very special afternoon.

In RE we will be learning about Judaism and exploring the question 'How special is the relationship Jews have with God?'

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

In computing we will focus on Computer science and creative IT.

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 books: The children will continue to select a reading book from the reading corner. When they complete it, they will be able to complete a quiz. It is helpful if you ask your child questions about the book as they read, to ensure they understand the texts.

Home-Learning books 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. Thank you!
Miss Goringe and Ms Baptiste, Year 3 Class teachers