



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year three

Autumn 2nd Half Term: November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 3 and the run up to Christmas!

We have noticed a massive difference in the children from the beginning of the 1st half term, they have settled in beautifully and we are excited to see them continue to grow and learn new and exciting things this term.

Over the next half term, Year 3 will continue to focus on our topic about the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. We will then be moving onto the Power of Forces and of course we will be looking forward to everything Christmassy!

In English, we start the term studying 'A Midsummers Night Dream' by William Shakespeare and this includes our trip to see the play on 12th November. Following on from our earlier workshop, the class will be story mapping the play, writing poetry and developing character profiles.

Later in the term we will be focusing on a story called 'The Empty Stocking' by Richard Curtis.

Running alongside these lessons will be weekly grammar sessions, comprehension practice, handwriting and spelling tests. Spelling lists will be a combination of topic related vocabulary and words from the Y3/4 spelling list.

In Maths, the children will be doubling and halving numbers up to 100 using partitioning, using the expanded method for subtraction, multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 & 8. Alongside this they will be doing problems solving and reasoning tasks.

Our **Science** topic is the Power of Forces. We will be focusing on answering the following questions:

How do things start to move?

How well can an object slide on different materials?

What materials are magnetic?

What can magnets do?

How strong are magnets?

In History, we will still be focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be researching why the Stone Age is called the Stone Age. We will then move on to what life was like during the early, middle and the later stone age years. After the Stone Age we will look at the Bronze and Iron Age, thinking about what difference did the Bronze Age make and was home life better in the Iron Age or the Stone Age.

In Design & Technology, we will be making pulley or lever mechanisms.

In PE, we will be continuing our coached sessions with a focus on Basketball.

Our PE session will take place on a Tuesday. As it is getting quite cold, please include a pair of jogging bottoms with their PE kit.

Year 3 will also be starting their swimming lessons on Wednesdays. Please remember a full swimming kit including a swimming hat. The swimming pool policy is, without a swimming hat, children are not allowed to swim. If any parents or carers are able to accompany the class to and from the swimming pool, your help would be much appreciated.

In RE the children will be thinking about God as the Trinity.

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:

Class teacher:

Date:



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Reading books: It is helpful if you ask your child questions about the book as they read, to ensure they understand the texts. Please note, when reading books are finished, the children need to write their name on a post it note, stick it on their book and pop it in the finished tray. They will then take a quiz related to the book before selecting a new one.

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 either of us before or after school if you have any questions.

Thanks you!
Ms Baptiste and Miss Goringe

Year 3 class teachers.

Class teacher:

Date: