



KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 3

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to the warmer weather, appearance of Spring flowers and lighter days ahead ☺

We were so impressed by all of the lovely learning the children did last half term; we are very proud of them. Thank you for your continued support.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term. A full curriculum will continue to be provided online, while schools are not open to all children.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	In English we will be reading two books by Nicola Davies: King of the Sky and The Promise. We will spend time reading and understanding the texts and analysing the characters. We will be writing our own stories inspired by the book King of the Sky and writing a recount of the main character's experiences in The Promise. Our grammar focus this term is: word classes, noun phrases, adverbs and fronted adverbials.
Reading	We will talk about books that we read ourselves and books that are read to us and discuss words and phrases that capture our interest and imagination. As part of our English lessons we will be undertaking reading comprehensions based on our key texts.
Maths	We will be ensuring we have a secure understanding of place value of 3-digit numbers. We will be rounding, using mental addition and subtraction and column methods of addition. We will solve subtractions of 3-digit numbers using counting up and back to help develop our mental strategies for subtraction. We will focus on telling the time to the nearest minute on analogue clocks and calculate time intervals on both analogue and digital clocks. We will develop multiplication strategies using doubling and halving and the grid method and further develop our understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division.
Science	The unit for this half-term is entitled 'How does your Garden Grow?' In this module, 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, 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.
R.E.	In R.E. we will be following the Understanding Christianity Unit 'Salvation' We will be exploring the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday''. We will be learning about how and why Christians celebrate Holy Week and Easter.



Computing	This half term we will be continuing with our coding lessons in Purple Mash. We will be learning how to write code to repeat actions using the repeat command, write 'if' and 'else' statements, debug our programmes and introduce variables.
Geography	Our topic this half-term is rainforests. We will be learning about where they are in the world; the features of a rainforest and the different layers; the importance of the rainforests and the impact of deforestation.
Art/DT	This will be linked to our topic on rainforests. We will draw a picture of the rainforest and find creative ways of representing this at home. We will also create a moving picture.
P.E.	We will provide resources from All for Sports that cover a range of activities and skills. We will also provide links to Joe Wicks, Cosmic Kids and other online resources.

Other useful things to remember:

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children. When your child finishes reading a book, they might like to log on to **Accelerated Reader** to take a quiz. Use this link (<https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2239980/>) and their login details.
- **PE with Joe Wicks** can be found on YouTube and other fun websites include Cosmic Kids and Go Noodle.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths; TT Rockstars; Oddizzi** Geography Resource.
- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.
- The current crisis continues to be one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Please visit our Wellbeing page on our School Website for useful links and resources related to children's mental health and wellbeing. [St Mary's Church of England Primary School | Well-being \(stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk\)](http://stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

Kind regards,

Mrs Prados and Miss Goringe