



KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 3

Summer 2nd Half Term: April 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a good Easter. We are very happy to welcome the children back to school and are excited about the term ahead.

We have a variety of rich learning experiences planned for the coming weeks. Much of our learning will be centred on our Science topic ('How does your Garden grow?') and our History topic ('What was new about the New Stone age?') We will also be focussing on a chapter book by Jamila Gavin titled Grandpa Chatterji.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	In English we will be reading the book 'Grandpa Chatterji' by Jamila Gavin. We will be exploring and analysing the text and doing some character analysis work leading into writing a character description. We will be learning a bit about where Grandpa Chatterji is from and will write a diary entry in the role of a character, discussing specific word use and discovering how emotion is portrayed through vocabulary.
Maths	We will secure our understanding of addition and subtraction, to include fractions, and also practise mental strategies for adding and subtracting. We will develop our skills in multiplication and division, using the grid method to multiply and the chunking method to divide. We will draw and interpret pictograms and bar graphs and learn about measuring weight.
Science	We will continue our topic from last term 'How does your Garden Grow?' We will learn about the absorption and transport of water and nutrients and the role of the leaf in making food for the plant. We 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.
Computing	In computing we will be learning about internet safety. We will be discussing what it means to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. We will be learning about computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. We will be learning to use search engines effectively and safely.
History	Our topic this half-term is titled 'What was new about the New Stone Age?' We will learn about why this period is called the Stone Age and about the different periods of this age. We will learn about what life was like, what changed during the different periods, the role of monuments and to consider progress made in the Stone Age.
PHSCE	Our topic is 'Relationships'. We will discuss how to: make friends, treat others with



	respect, solve friendship problems and help ourselves and others when upset or hurt.
Art	We will be learning about and developing some print-making techniques and looking at 'The Great Wave' by the Japanese artist Hokusai.
RE	In R.E. we will be learning about Judaism and exploring the question 'How special is the relationship Jews have with God?'

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Google Classroom. It will consist of Maths, English and Spellings. Home learning will set on a Friday and needs to be completed and turned in by Wednesday. In addition to these home learning tasks we recommend that children also engage with RM Easi-Maths and TT Rockstars on a regular basis. Please let a member of the Year 3 team know if you need any help accessing these platforms

Reading

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

We will be having PE sessions on **Monday** and **Friday**. As part of our control measures, we do not want children to change in the classroom so on **these days we continue to ask that children come in to school wearing** their PE kit. This should consist of their school polo top or school PE t-shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers (not plimsolls, due to possible wet weather).

School Bags

Just to remind you, school bags should not be brought to school. If your child needs to bring items on site e.g. a reading book, they should **use a named plastic bag**.

Packed Lunches

As in the Autumn term, if your child brings a packed lunch to school, please bring it in a plastic bag (not box) for ease of cleaning and storage on pegs.

Wellbeing

The current situation is one which both adults and children may find challenging. We would like to remind you that our school Wellbeing page has links to a range of resources that may help you with supporting your child's wellbeing.

<http://stmarysen4-barnet.co.uk/curriculum/teaching-learning/well-being/>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please contact the class team via the School Office email.



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Kind regards,

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