Y3 Spring 1 Half Termly Overview for Parents and Carers





This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home.

	At School	At Home
English	In English we will be: Writing setting descriptions Writing a diary recount Applying taught spellings Improving our fluency in reading, focusing on non-fiction texts. Our class text for reading lessons, following on from non-fiction reading, will be 'The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley.	 Encourage your child to read independently at least four times a week, even better if reading is done daily! Read with and to your child to promote a love of reading Practise weekly spelling patterns
Maths	In Maths we will be learning: ◆ Multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table ◆ Continuing mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. ◆ Beginning to interpret and draw pictograms and bar charts.	◆ Practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables ◆ Use TT Rock Stars and Numbots apps
Science	In our animals including humans topic we will be learning: How animals, including humans need the right types and amounts of nutrition. If an animal cannot make their own food, they get nutrition from what they eat. Explore that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.	 ◆ Can children talk to you about a balanced diet? ◆ Can children show you where different bones in their bodies are?
History	In our Ancient Egyptian topic we will learn: ◆ The chronology of the Ancient Egyptians, 7500BC-30AD. ◆ What life was like in Ancient Egypt. ◆ Burial rituals including mummification. ◆ How the River Nile was used as a way of life.	 ◆ Can the children discuss how their lives are different to the Ancient Egyptians? ◆ Can children talk about mummification and why the Ancient Egyptians did it?
DT	In DT, we will be:	 ◆ Can the children follow a recipe at home with you? ◆ Talk together about our taste test. What ingredients did they like/dislike?
Music	In Music children we are beginning to learn the reggae song, 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. We will be: Practising pulse, rhythm and pitch. Playing an instrument to the song.	◆ Can the children recite the song to you at home?

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	At School	At Home
P.S.H.E.	Our next PSHE topic is dreams and goals. During this we will learning to: Identify our dreams and ambitions. Enjoy facing new learning challenges. Recognise obstacles and take steps to overcome them.	 Discuss with your child what their dreams and ambitions are. Can you tell your child about a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it? If you would like access to the PSHE lessons for this half term in more detail, please contact us and we can
R.E.	In R.E. children will explore the question "Why do people pray?"	◆ Can children identify some reasons why people pray?
P.E.	In P.E. this half term our topics are health related fitness and handball. Learning will focus on: Core strength and flexibility. Performing a variety of yoga poses. Learning the rules and skills of invasion games.	Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
Computing	In computing, children will be completing the unit 'email' and 'touch typing' from Purple Mash.	Use the Purple Mash website at home to consolidate learning in class, practicing computing skills.
Latin	This year, we have chosen to teach Latin because of the rich opportunities that come with learning this ancient language. As well as being a fascinating language in its own right, knowledge of Latin helps to develop literacy skills. Through Latin, children develop their knowledge of spelling and vocabulary through learning Latin roots of English words and deepen their understanding of grammar. Alongside language learning, the study of Roman and Greek civilisations aids cultural literacy, encourages cultural insights and gives opportunities for wide-ranging thinking across many linked subjects (including history, philosophy,	Discuss any vocabulary links your child has discovered.
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