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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a brilliant Easter break and that you have managed to keep safe over the holidays. It is lovely to be in school and see everyone again. Miss Hodgson and I are so excited to welcome the children back for the summer term.

English

The English curriculum places high emphasis on the enjoyment of reading. As you know, regular reading has a huge impact on your child's progress and your support is always greatly appreciated. Children should be reading every night – it doesn't always have to be with you, the children are coming to an age where they can be expected to read on their own but please do continue to sign their Learning Journal. Please ensure that your child brings their Learning Journal and reading book in to school every day.

Work on grammar, punctuation and spelling is a very important part of the English curriculum and the expected level of spelling is very high. I have included a link (below) that is great for revising grammar. Children will continue to be set spellings on a Thursday.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Maths

The demands of the maths curriculum mean that counting skills (number pairs to 100, doubling and halving odd and even numbers to 100, counting in 4s, 8s and 50s) are essential. This term, there will be further focus on mental maths and ensuring children feel confident completing simple calculations, like adding two 2-digit numbers mentally. The children also need to be secure with the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x and 10x tables and related division facts. Again, this will form part of the children's homework as they are expected to complete 300 correct answers on Times Tables Rock Stars each week.

We are very lucky to have access to Mathletics in school. This programme, which allows the teacher to set tasks linked to the children's current learning, recaps and consolidates understanding. Your support and encouragement to use this programme would be greatly appreciated. It is expected that children will complete three tasks per week, which will be set on a Thursday.

Below is a useful website for maths, which is brilliant for doubling, halving and times tables:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>



Science

This half term, our Science topic is all about plants! Children will be learning about the parts of a plant and how plants grow.

History

Much to the delight of the children, our History topic of the term is the Ancient Egyptians and we will be learning all about life in Ancient Egypt.

R.E.

We will continue to study Christianity. In addition to this, the children will also be learning about Hinduism, asking questions such as, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?' The children experience daily worship either in assembly or during weekly classroom worship sessions where they will reflect on the Christian value of truthfulness.

PHSE

Our topic this term is Health and Wellbeing. This involves understanding a balanced diet, sun safety and fire safety.

PE

PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. PE kits need to remain in school over the course of the term. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is clearly named. Earrings must not be worn for PE.

By working together, we can ensure that your children approach new challenges with confidence and achieve success. Your continued interest and support is greatly appreciated and vastly contributes to the fantastic progress that the children are making this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Humphrey

