



Year 3

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

It is the last term of Year 3. Well done for all your hard work.

This term, the children will be taking part in an RE day and taking part in swimming lessons. Please remind your children to practise their timetables using Doodle tables, Hit the button or play timetable games like around the world or Spiders Have Hairy Legs. The children can teach you the games they learn at school.

English -Writing

As we start the new term,, the children will be writing pieces based on two exciting and informative books.

The first is *Molly Rogers Pirate Girl* by *Cornelia Funke*. The children will use this text to inspire their own pirate adventure stories.

The second text is *Greta and the Giants* by *Zoe Tucker*. They will write and create their own information text on climate change.

Please talk to your children about climate change and how it is affecting people all around the world and what we can do to prevent it.

English -Reading

In reading, we will be reading two wonderful and interesting books this half term. The first is *The Hodgeheg* by *Dick King Smith* and the second is an information book (non-fiction) all about looking after the planet. It is called *Be an eco hero: At school* by *Hachette Books*

In Year 3 we will be focusing on the children's comprehensions skills, making sure that not only can they say the words but also that they understand what they are reading.

Maths

This half term the children will be looking at: Revising fractions, finding fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. They will be learning how to tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks, estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours; use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight and know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year. They will also learn how to compare durations of events. For example, to calculate the time taken by particular events or tasks.

Science

In Science this half term we will be looking at plants. The children will learn to identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. Children will be introduced to the idea that every part has a job to do and will explore questions that focus on the role of the roots, stem and leaves. They will learn to explore how plants grow with a focus on nutrients from soil and room to grow and how they vary from plant to plant. The children will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants by using coloured water and watching it travel through/around the plant. They will learn to describe pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal by ordering visuals and labelling images, using digital technology to display their results.

Geography

Our new topic is about Our Community. The children will: walk around the local area, children will collect objects (natural or manmade) to create their own still life. When drawing, they will learn shading techniques such as cross-hatching. Building upon their understanding of the UK, they will name and identify countries, cities and other physical features. They will also learn the different boroughs of London. They will use aerial photographs to identify features from above. They will develop compass skills and using coordinates to locate features on a map of the local area.

PSHCE

Our topic for this half term is Saving, spending and budgeting.

Children will learn about what influences people choices about spending and saving money, how people can keep track of their money and about the world of work.

P.E.

This is the term that we begin our Key Stage 2 swimming lessons. The children will learn: safety rules and policies around the swimming Pool, how to dunk their head and hold their breath, to paddle and stay afloat at the side of the pool, how to use equipment which helps them stay afloat, how to float and self- rescue, to strive towards staying afloat by paddling on their backs and to swim 25 m unaided.

As part of their PE lessons, Year 3 will learn how to trust and work as part of a team, supporting their other team members to complete tasks. Year 3 will work on their language skills to communicate effectively with their teammates and jointly solve problems using reasoning.

Music

Children will learn to: To explore and comment on the ways sounds can be used expressively. To comment on the effectiveness of their own work and learn to identify and make improvements.

Homework

Homework is given out weekly and children **must** complete their spellings, **Doodle Maths** and one piece of Topic homework each week.