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Information

Homework

Each week your child will bring home a piece of homework for English, Maths and a wider curriculum topic. These are designed to either consolidate work done in class or sometimes as an introduction to a topic before learning about it in class. Your child may also bring home spellings and/or times tables to practise at home. Please ensure your child brings their Learning Journal books to school each day so that work can be added to their books during the week.

Reading

Please hear your child read regularly at home and send reading books into school every day so that we can hear them read in school and change their books regularly.

P E

Our PE day is Thursday. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their P.E kit. They will stay in their kit all day so will not need their uniform to change into. We will endeavour to do P.E outside where possible, so jogging bottoms would be most suitable during the Autumn term. Please also ensure that earrings are removed on P.E days otherwise your child will be unable to participate. We are unable to use plasters to cover up earrings.

Swimming

Year 3 will go swimming every Tuesday commencing on the 21st September. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit with them to school each Tuesday otherwise they will not be able to participate. Children also need to have earrings removed for swimming.

Year 3 Curriculum Leaflet Autumn

Welcome to Year 3. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning in all areas of the curriculum during this term and some ideas about how you can help at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Caine and Miss Jakeway-Jones

The wonderful world of chocolate!

Did you know that chocolate is made from the beans found with the fruit of a cacao plant? The first chocolate drink was made by the Aztecs and both the Aztecs and Mayans believed chocolate was a gift from the Gods. It was so valuable to the early Mesoamericans that they used it as a currency.



English

In English this term, Year 3 will continue to develop their reading fluency. They will be reading a range of texts linked to our topic such as "The Great Kapok Tree" and "The Vanishing Rainforest". The children will be developing their understanding of these texts by learning about the new vocabulary they encounter, retrieving information and making inferences about the texts they have read.

In writing, they will focus on improving the grammatical accuracy of their sentences. They will also try to make their sentences more 'exciting' by improving vocabulary and varying the types of sentence they use. The children will have an opportunity to write in various different writing styles including poetry, setting descriptions, stories from other cultures, instructions and persuasive letters.

RE

In RE lessons, your child will be learning about creation. They will consider the 'wow' factors in the world and how humans are responsible for looking after the world that God has created.

Thematic topic

This term in our thematic lessons your child will learn about these key areas:

- The location of the world's rainforests.
- The layers of the rainforest and where the cocoa bean plant grows.
- Deforestation and its impact.
- The origin of cocoa and how the beans were used to make the first chocolate drink.
- How the Mayan's and Aztecs lived.
- The arrival of cocoa in Europe.
- The difficulties cocoa farmers face and Fairtrade.

Science

In science, the children will be learning about plants. They will look at the functions of the parts of the plants and investigate the conditions that plants need to grow well. Children will design and set up investigations to answer questions such as "Do plants need soil to grow?" and "Do plants need room to grow well?" Children will then go on to find out about the different parts of the plant and how these are part of the pollination process.



Maths

In Arithmetic, children will be solving vertical addition and subtraction involving tricky columns as well as reading and writing maths stories involving fractions. Children will also begin to learn about ratio and how to use these when solving fractions of amounts. In Geometry, they will be learning to draw lines accurately in both cm and mm and will also learn about angles and turns. In Data and Measure, children will be learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and writing this as digital and analogue times. They will then move on to calculating time difference using a set of clocks. In reasoning, they will be using their knowledge of vertical maths to solve a range of real life word problems.

You can help at home by reading the time daily, practising times tables facts for the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables as well as simple addition and subtraction facts to speed up recall.

Don't Forget...

- PE is on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that your child wears the correct PE kit on that day and that earrings are removed.
- Year 3 will go swimming every **Tuesday from 21st September**.
- To put your child's name on any personal belongings.
- We break up for half term on **Friday 22nd October** and return to school on **Monday 1st November**.