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Spelling / Handwriting

Each term your child will be sent home with a spelling and handwriting booklet to complete. The booklet will contain a list of spellings which children need to learn how to read and write in preparation for their weekly spelling test. It also contains a handwriting practise sheet to help children improve their handwriting and presentation of work in class. At the beginning of the year, your child will be given a list of words they should know by the end of the year which you can practise with your child on a regular basis.

Maths

Every Friday your child will be given a piece of maths homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school. The homework needs to be completed for the following Monday.

Don't forget...

Your child will be heard read every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book and record into school every day.

PE is every Wednesday and swimming is every Friday.

Year 3 Curriculum Leaflet Autumn 1

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

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

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support! Year 3 Staff



Mrs Jones



Mr Kandola



Amazing Africa

Let us discover Africa and learn the names of the African countries. What about the land? We'll discover the beautiful African Savannah, the Sahara Desert and learn about The River Nile. Then we will discover more about African Art and Music and design our own African prints, masks and jewellery and beat our rhythms on African drums......

Our Topic

This half term our topic is all about the Africa. Children will be developing skills in all areas of the curriculum through this topic, including maths, English and ICT. They will be finding out about significant people; looking at land use across Africa; composing and performing on African drums; naming the countries that make up the African continent and creating an African mask

We'd love for you to get involved and help your child get a better understanding of the topic. There are many ways you can help your child such as researching Africa on the internet or visiting your local library.

RE

In RE, children will be beginning to learn about Sikhism. They will explore the main beliefs in Sikhism, the role of the Gurdwara in the Sikh religion and discuss the importance of the importance of Sikh symbols and their meanings.

Maths

In maths lessons children will be adding and subtracting using tricky columns; solving mixed number calculations; identifying and drawing lines; investigate how to find fractions of a quantity and learning how to tell the time.



Children will also be practising and recalling their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 times table as well as their quick recall of basic maths facts.

These are things you could help your child with at home .

Science

Our topic for science this half term is Animals including Humans.

We will be identifying and grouping animals to classify/compare and contrast them according to their movement/bone structure/what they eat.



English

During English lessons, children will be reading 'Fables from Africa' and 'The Adventures of Akimbo'. They will be discussing the moral of the stories and the structure of a fable. You could help children at home by taking them to the library to find other stories from Africa to read.

Children will then be writing poems, stories and information texts based on their reading. Children will enjoy discovering new vocabulary, using effective adjectives and adverbs in their descriptive writing and learning how to extend their sentences by using a range of conjunctions .

Children will also be practising joining letters correctly and spelling words from the Year 3 word list correctly. You could help at home by practising handwriting with children and choosing some of the spellings from the Year 3 word list to practise with your child.

Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

Your child will also be bringing home a library book to share with you. These books are chosen by the children and so may sometimes be quite difficult or seemingly easy for them to read. These books are for you to enjoy with your child rather than expect them to be able to read them to you.