



This half term (Spring 2), Year 3 will be learning about the following topics:

<p>English</p>	<p>Writing We will be focusing on Poetry, before moving onto Newspaper articles this half term. In Poetry, the children will explore a variety of descriptive techniques to create imagery, before writing their own poem. While studying Newspaper reports, we will look at the features of a report, as well as formal and informal language. The children will also have another opportunity to use direct speech in their writing. There will be a continued focus on the children editing and improving their writing in order that their work is as ambitious as possible.</p> <p>Spelling Punctuation and Grammar This half term, we will be looking at various descriptive techniques, including similes and alliteration, for poetry writing. As well as revising direct speech, the children will also practice writing in different tenses (including the future and the past perfect).</p> <p>In Spellings, the children will be investigating the <i>sh</i> sound spelt 'ch', the short <i>i</i> sound spelt <i>y</i>, and adding the suffixes -ion and -ian. The children will also be expected to continue practising their 'orange words'. These are the words which all Year 3 & Year 4 pupils are expected to be able to spell correctly. These words are attached at the end of this newsletter for your information.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will continue to rehearse all of our times tables facts. In particular, we will continue to be developing rapid recall of multiplication facts for the 4 times tables and using these to recall division facts quickly. We will be using songs and games to help us remember these. During our mental starters, we will also be practising adding and subtracting 10 and 100 to 2,3 and 4 digit numbers, as well as recalling the times table facts we have already learnt. During the main part of our lessons, we will be recalling the names of 2D shapes and learning how to describe them. We will also be learning how to draw some 2D shapes. Following this, we will be learning how to describe and construct some 3D shapes. We will also be learning written methods for multiplying 2 digit numbers by one digit, mainly using partitioning methods and number lines for support. We will then extend our knowledge and understanding by solving word problems using the RUCSAC method, focusing on problems which include missing numbers, using number facts, place value and multiplication.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Last half term we learnt about Forces and Magnets. In Science, this half term, we will be focusing on the topic Animals Including Humans. The children will be learning about different food groups and the nutrients in them. They will learn about the food pyramid and discuss the types of foods they eat. They will be learning about the parts of the human skeleton as well as muscle groups. They will also learn about the skeletons of animals.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>The children will learn how computers use number to represent things such as how fast things are moving, and where they are. Please see: espressocoding.co.uk Username: Student 22386 Password: davyhulme Please look at our school website to access our Year 3 Blog.</p>

Topic (History)	We will continue learning about the Ancient Greeks. This half term, our focus will be on the Olympic Games, Greek art and architecture, and the Trojan War.
R.E.	The children will continue exploring the question, 'What does it mean to be a Christian living in Britain today?' Children will focus primarily on the beliefs and lives of different Christians living in Britain, while also making comparisons to their personal beliefs and lives. As we move closer to Easter, the children will have the opportunity to learn about different festivals associated with this time of year, including Easter and the Jewish festival of Passover.
Art/D.T.	The children will be carrying out various art activities relating to our Topic - Ancient Greece. We will be looking at historical pieces of art and architecture, including vases and temples.
P.E.	In P.E., we will be exploring different types of dance from around the world, including Hip-Hop from America and the Haka from New Zealand.
French	In developing their oracy and literacy skills, the children will be learning new vocabulary in context, for example: further greetings, verbs, adverbs of manner, more numbers and classroom objects. They will also be using the vocabulary required to further develop their spelling skills and to ask more questions. The concept of gender (masculine and feminine nouns) will be introduced. We will continue to consider word classes and some basic punctuation will be used. Intercultural Understanding will be addressed through French Art and Music and through authentic French songs, stories and finger rhymes.
Homework	THURSDAY - MATHS HOMEWORK to be handed in by the following Wednesday. TUESDAY - ENGLISH HOMEWORK to be handed in by the following Monday. *Children should also be reading and practicing their times tables every day and recording this in their planners.
Useful information for Parents	<u>Parents' Information</u> In order to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try: - Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. Please listen to your child read every night and record in their planner. - Play times tables games and practice division as well as multiplication facts. - Visit your local library and make use of the books, CDs and video they offer, especially the ones related to your child's topic. - Practise your child's spellings with them - they will have a list of spellings to learn each Thursday for a test the following week.

Word list - years 3 and 4

accident accidentally actual actually address answer appear arrive believe bicycle
breath breathe build busy business calendar caught centre century certain circle
complete consider continue decide describe different disappear early earth eight
eighth enough exercise experience experiment extreme famous favourite
February forward forwards fruit grammar group guard guide heard heart height
history imagine increase important interest island knowledge learn length library
material medicine mention minute natural naughty notice occasion occasionally
often opposite ordinary particular peculiar perhaps popular position possess
possession possible potatoes pressure probably promise purpose quarter question
recent regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange

strength suppose surprise therefore though thought through various weight
woman women