

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on times tables, looking specifically at the relationship between 2, 4 and 8s.

We will continue our learning on short multiplication through maths spot. This term we will be focusing also on short division, then later moving on to time and statistics.

Times tables continue to take priority in Year 3. Our children must be fluid with quick recall of their 3-, 4- and 8-times table by the end of this term. Could you please ask your children to practice either on their own or with you?

Citizenship

This half term we are continuing to learn about homelessness. We will explore what it feels like to be homeless and what we can do to support homelessness. We will be looking at the desirable and essential items that homeless people require.

Literacy

In Literacy, this half term, we will be immersing ourselves into understanding who William Shakespeare was. Our stimulus this half term is based on a book called, 'What's so special about Shakespeare?'. We will be writing a biography on William Shakespeare.

HOMELESSNESS

Science

In science this term, we are continuing our focus on plants and life cycles. We will be dissecting a flower and exploring pollination through this. We will also conduct a science investigation using celery, looking at how a plant absorbs water. We will then, at the end of the term, look at plant cycles within our local area and at different times of the year.

IT

This half term, we will be focusing on databases. We will be learning how to make a database.

Art and DT

In our Art lessons we will be continuing our learning on the work of Richard Hutchins. We will also be continuing with designing and making a washbag for the homeless in DT.

PE

This term we will be continuing with swimming. Children have done well with this and we cannot wait to see them progress further. Please encourage your children to still remember their swimming bags: swimwear and towels. We will also be continuing our OAA learning with Legacy, can you please continue to remind children to bring outdoor PE kit.

Music

This term we will be continuing our learning on The Three Little Birds, whilst also learning a song, linked to our history learning, ready for our performance.

Reading

This half term, we are going back to extract work. Each week we will focus on different types of texts, such as biographies, playscripts and poetry. This will support us with our Literacy learning on William Shakespeare. We will also use these texts to develop different reading skills.

History

This half term we are continuing our learning on the Anglo-Saxons and are now delving into learning about who the Vikings are and whether they lived alongside the Anglo-Saxons or not.

Geography

This half term we will be learning all about the Southwest, what it is known for, how it has changed over time and what the climate is like.

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We hope you had a lovely week break and that the children are ready to come back to more exciting learning! We are looking forward to seeing them.

Swimming

As you will be aware we will be continuing with swimming every Thursday. The children are progressing well with this, and we cannot wait to see them progress further. Please can you continue to ensure children remove all jewellery for swimming including earrings and bring a costume/trunks/short and a towel.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Friday. Can you please ensure that children bring correct PE wear to be worn outside, including trainers, a jacket/jumper, track suit bottoms/leggings (black preferably) and a white PE shirt?

Spelling

We will be continuing to practice our spellings each day. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday, and dictation will take place on a Friday. Please ask your child to verbally explain that week's spelling rule to you – this will help with retention. Please continue to practice the 100 High Frequency, common exception words and the year 3 spelling list at home with your child. Children must be able to read at sight and spell these words.

Important dates for your diary:

- Monday 23rd February – Teacher training day
- Tuesday 24th February – Spring 2 term begins
- Thursday 12th March – Year 3 Group performance
- Friday 27th March – End of Spring 2 term