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Year 2/3 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I would like to thank you for all the gifts and cards. The children have now settled back into school and are working hard.

Please find below a brief description of the activities we will be covering this term in each curriculum area:

R.E

The two topics covered this term are: 'Jesus at Prayer' and 'From Lent to Easter'. For further information, please see the 'Key Information for Pupils' available on the school website.

Literacy

The children will continue to follow the Literacy Framework and will be looking at a range of texts, focusing on: Quest stories, Non-Chronological reports, Fables and Winter poems focusing on imagery.

Reading

This term the children will continue to have weekly reading books that go home, which will be changed throughout the week. Please write in the reading record to show that your child has read or if you have any comments or questions. Separate notes are kept on reading in school for the purpose of assessment. The reading records will be checked and if you have any queries, these will be answered in the book.

Spellings/Phonics

Each week the children will be given spellings to learn. Research shows that small and regular practise of spellings is more effective than spending a long period in one go. Due to this we recommend that your child spend 5 to 10 minutes 3 to 5 times a week practising their spellings.

Mathematics

The children will continue to follow a mastery approach to Mathematics. Children will be focusing on solving a range of multiplication and division questions including missing numbers, and developing their mental strategies and solving problems involving shape, length, money and fractions. The children will continue to learn their times tables and to use these to derive their related division facts.

Science

Children will be investigating the topic Forces and Magnets. This topic gives children the experience of forces, including attraction and repulsion between magnets, compression and stretching of springs and stretching of elastic bands. They learn that these forces have direction and can vary in size.

Computing

This term the children will be learning how to use Textease turtle and Scratch to create and debug algorithms. The children use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen, and



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then further develop algorithms using the "repeat" command. These skills are then developed by teaching children to create algorithms in Scratch using a selection of blocks.

Design Technology and Art

In DT, the children will be focussing on structures and will be designing and making a free standing picture frame.

In Art the children will be learning about the life and work of the artist Seurat. They will be practising his technique of pointillism to create their own pictures.

Humanities

In History, the children will be introduced to the idea that people from other societies have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. They will consider the effects of the invasion and settlement of the Romans on Britain.

In Geography, the children will be learning about Rainforests. They will look at the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants and the unique climate found in the tropics. They will compare a British forest with the Amazon rainforest, and begin to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats.

P.E.

Children will need their P.E. kits on a Wednesday and Friday. Children will be taught Dance, in which they will learn how to create a sequence of steps and create and structure a whole simple dance. During Gymnastics the children will learn to understand and identify symmetry and asymmetry, move and balance showing specific planned shapes and variations in speed and adapt and transfer learned skills onto appropriate apparatus.

PSHE

The children will continue to develop their independent learning skills.

Homework

Homework will continue as before. Your child will receive their homework on a Tuesday and homework should be handed in the following Monday. Homework should be put in the homework box in the classroom and each child should take responsibility for handing their homework in. If there are any difficulties with homework do come in and talk to me. Homework club will be on Wednesday lunchtimes.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coley

