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Year 2/3 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. Please find below a brief description of the activities I will be covering this term in each curriculum area:

R.E

Please see sheet on the website.

English

The children will be looking at a range of texts, focusing on: Traditional Tales, Instructions, Stories that Raise Issues and Persuasion Texts, as well as alliterative poetry. The children will:

- continue to develop their phonics knowledge through different spelling activities
- explain or give reasons for their views or choices
- compose sentences using adjectives, verbs and nouns for precision, clarity and impact
- model their writing on a variety of texts

Mathematics

We are teaching a mastery approach and topics will be covered in greater depth. The topics we are covering this term are:

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division

Science

The children will be investigating the topic 'Animals, Including Humans'. They will learn about food and healthy diets as well as learning about skeletons and muscles. They will be looking at the different food groups. Then they will be studying the topic 'Rocks', looking at different kinds of rocks and learning about where they come from and what they are used for.

Computing

In computing this term the children will be doing an internet research and communication topic. This unit focuses on how to effectively search using key words and how to safely communicate online, including e-safety rules.

Art and D&T

In D&T the children will design and make a model that has moving parts controlled by pneumatics. In Art the children will be doing a topic about Autumn. They will be completing observational drawings using pencil, paint and pastels.

Humanities

In History, the children will be introduced to the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will be answering enquiry questions to develop their understanding of this time period. They will use different sources to investigate and compare the time periods.

In Geography, they will learn about mapping and how to read a map. They will be recapping the continents and then focussing on counties and cities in the UK, including their development.

P.E.

In Dance, they will learn how to improvise and develop different ways of travelling, jumping, turning and create dance phrases. They will perform basic actions and dances clearly and fluently and observe themselves and others dancing. The children will complete a Games Unit, where they focus on ball skills and football in particular. In Athletics, they will focus on their running, hurdles, shot put and discus skills. Children will need their P.E. kits on a Monday and Friday.

Homework

Please see below for the homework timetable for the term. Your child will receive their homework on a Tuesday and it should be handed in the following Monday.

Homework should be put in the homework tray in the classroom. Reading should continue every day and include discussion with an adult.

Reading

Your child should be reading on a regular basis and they will have reading with their homework. We are focusing on reading for enjoyment and therefore the children will not have written reading activities to complete at home every week. Please encourage your child to read from a variety of materials including fiction and non-fiction. It is important for parents to hear their child read aloud to help develop expression, fluency and comprehension of text. Discussing the text with your child is also very valuable including asking questions, identifying features of the characters, setting and plot.

Reading books can be changed any day of the week but children must have the same book for at least 2 days to spend time discussing the text.

Year 2 - 30 minutes	Activity
15 minutes	Spellings
15 minutes	Maths Activity
Year 3 - 45 minutes	Activity
15 minutes	Spellings
15 minutes	An activity which could be based on work we are doing in English, Science, RE, History or Geography.
15 minutes	Maths Activity

I look forward to working with you and your children throughout the coming year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coley