

Maths

This half term, we will be finishing the addition and subtraction chapter. We will focus mainly on Subtraction as we have begun to master adding with renaming! This will be covered in a similar way where simple subtraction is mastered before moving to subtraction where renaming is required. Once pupils master addition and subtraction, they start to look at problem solving questions and practice using bar models. Then we will focus on multiplication and division where pupils will cover the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8. Pupils will then get to use their experience of multiplication and division to solve word problems. Daily memory maths sessions will be centred around other areas of the curriculum and calculations to increase the fluency and accuracy of their arithmetic. Times tables will also be a large focus throughout the year and children will be tested on their recall of these each Friday.



English

English lessons this half term will help to develop the skills needed to produce high quality, detailed pieces of writing. The children will be using this half term's novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* to inspire us and produce creative writing in a range of genres. We will look at this in more depth in our reading lessons as well, to unpick the text further. Each child will receive a book to use in school and access throughout the half term. The children will be encouraged to read aloud to the class to practice their fluency as well as their expression. Your child will be awarded with their pen licence when work is presented beautifully.



Reading

This year children will participate in a daily whole class reading session focused on shared reading of quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry whilst using VIPERS skills to answer questions (V- Vocabulary, I- Inference, P- Prediction, E- Explain, R- Retrieval, S- Summarising).

Home reading is an important part of your child's learning and will greatly assist their progress. Please aim to listen to your child read four times a week for 10 minutes or more whenever possible and sign the reading diary to enable your child to receive Dojo points and raffle tickets for home reading.

Science

This next science topic is light. The children will be learning about why we need light, that light reflects from surfaces, that light from the sun can be dangerous and how there are different sources of light.



History – Through the Ages!

The children will continue with this topic through this half term. So far, your child has learned all about the Stone Age and will be moving on to the Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will discover terminology relating to time and sequence dates to make a timeline. They explore the changes to people, homes and lifestyle throughout the different periods and investigate examples of prehistoric settlements, monuments, burials and artefacts in detail. They will also study how technology improved over time, including how the discovery of different metals changed the way that people lived.



D&T

This project is called *Cook well, Eat well* and teaches children about food groups and the Eatwell guide. They learn about methods of cooking and explore these by cooking potatoes and ratatouille. The children choose and make a taco filling according to specific design criteria.

Geography - One Planet, Our World

This project is continued into the second half term where this essential skills and knowledge project teaches children to locate countries and cities, and the grid references, compass points and latitude and longitude. They learn about the layers of the Earth and plate tectonics and discover the five major climate zones. They learn about significant places in the United Kingdom and carry out fieldwork to discover how land is used in the locality



RE – Sikhism

Gurpurabs are celebrations which commemorate the anniversaries of the Sikh Gurus. The children will learn that Guru Nanak's Gurpurab is usually celebrated in November. Guru Nanak is the founder of the Sikh religion. He was born a Hindu in 1469 but when he was 30 years old, he bathes in the Kali Bein, the Black River and disappeared. He returned after three days and declared he had been with God. He taught his followers that all religions worshipped the same God, and everyone on Earth should be treated equally and with respect.



PE

This term the children will be working with our sports coach to focus on Gymnastics. Children will practice their balancing and rolls; they will create sequence and develop their co-ordination as well as their motor skills. Their PE days are on a MONDAY and TUESDAY.

Homework and Spellings

Children will receive weekly homework each Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. They will be given a task to complete which will be based on both maths and English skill which has been taught that week as well as a short handwriting activity. Spellings will also be given each week and children will be tested on these in class the following Friday.



PSHE and Wellbeing

Next half term, the children will be supported in exploring their own personal strengths and achievements and how we can express these. Also, they will be learning about respect, how we can have respectful behaviours, the importance of self-respect, being polite and how we can safely respond to others without being hurtful.

Phew! That has been a long half term but a really fantastic one for the children in Year 3 who have grown so much and achieved amazing things already. I appreciate that it is a massive jump from Year 2 to Year 3 and the children have really impressed me, rising to the many challenges that have confronted them.

Please remember that I am here to support you and your child in any way possible. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact me through the office. In addition, a polite reminder to

ensure that reading records are in school daily and that homework is returned completed.

Have a wonderful half term break!
Mr Gowland

