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Year Three Topic Letter - November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you're all doing well. The children have been settling well, although there has been lots of changes this year. Thank you all for your continuous support and prayers. Please view below the topics we will be covering for the Autumn 2 term.

General Reminders

- PE is on Thursday morning for Year 3. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the day.
- Coats should be navy/black.

Curriculum

English

This term for English we will be going over a film unit called 'Taking Flight'. Before Christmas we will read a new text titled 'The boy who biked the world' by Alastair Humphreys. We will also still conduct weekly spelling tests with the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words.

Mathematics

For Autumn 2, we are focusing on multiplication and division and we will also be conducting some recap of what was covered in year 2. Children are expected to know their 2,3, 4,5,8 and 10 times tables and any help you can give your child in revising and revisiting their tables throughout the year would be greatly appreciated. Children will be expected to demonstrate this knowledge both orally and using written methods.

Science

We will be exploring 'Health and Movement'. This will include understanding how humans get the nutrition they need from what they eat, identifying that a balanced diet is needed in order to stay healthy and many more.

History

This term we are focusing on Geography and we will get back to History in the Spring term when we will focus on Invaders and Settlers: The Romans.

Geography

Key skills covered this term in our topic of 'Countries of the World' include identifying countries in Europe, North and South America and their major cities, as well as locating and describing key aspects of physical Geography including rivers, mountains, and climate zones.

RE

We have three RE topics for the Autumn1 and 2 terms they are:

Domestic church – family Homes
Baptism/Confirmation – belonging Promises
Christmas – loving Visitors

We also explored Judaism as a different faith during the Autumn 1 term.

Art

We will be exploring and examining buildings in a range of architectural styles and appreciating the architecture of Sir Christopher Wren.

Music

Children will be introduced to the works of famous composers. We will also be composing our own music, using a variety of instruments, focusing on specific moods or feeling.

Book change day:

Our in-class book exchange days will be held on <u>Mondays</u> and <u>Wednesdays</u> every week. At the moment, no books will be permitted to be brought into school from home nor can the school books be sent home to read. The children will have access to a wide variety of books in the classroom to read.

Spelling test day:

Spellings will be sent out on a Friday with homework. Please ensure the children are regularly practicing these spellings at home. The test will be conducted on the following Friday.

Homework:

Homework will be accessible through Google Classroom. Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and will be due in by the Wednesday of the following week. Homework will consist of weekly spellings, a piece of English and Maths homework. Children should also be reading daily at home for 15-20 minutes each night.

Mathletics and TTS Rockstars:

Mathletics and TTS Rockstar are great Maths resources to use at home. The logins for both websites were handed during lockdown for use. If you cannot find it, please email for your login information.

We are always available to discuss any questions or issues you may have, and are very much enjoying working with you to ensure the children have an amazing experience in Year 3.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gifty and Mrs Inman