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Year 3 – Spring Term ~ Curriculum Letter

Welcome to our curriculum letter within which we hope you will find useful information about the Spring Term in Year 3.

Reminders:

- Please can P.E. kit be in school all week from Monday morning; we will continue with Games (football and tag-rugby) with Mr James and Mrs Ritchie on a Wednesday afternoon. All the children will need football boots, shin pads and long socks. The children will also need shorts and tee-shirt for Gymnastics on a Friday morning. The P.E. kit will then be sent home each Friday to be cleaned.
- The children may also need an art apron – or old shirt – in school all week as some of our art and design technology may get a little messy! There are aprons in class to use.
- As before, homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and is usually due to be returned by the following Monday or Tuesday at the latest. It is important to develop a routine to ensure that homework is done. If you have any issues with homework, please feel free to contact me.
- Every Thursday the children will bring home spellings. The children will still be encouraged to learn them through the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' method. For some they will still need to use the handwriting lines in the books to support their joined writing. Spellings will be tested on a Thursday morning.
- Last term the children learnt their 2x, 4x, and 8x tables. This term we will revisit the 5x and 10x from Year 2 but also learn the 3x table.
- Regular reading is essential; daily if possible. This could include reading books, newspapers, joke books, magazines, comics, recipe books or non-fiction books. The children are encouraged to record their books in their folder at school as a record of their reading.



Last term (The Autumn Term):

The Autumn Term was very busy for everyone in Year 3 as we settled into our new class in Key Stage 2 and set about learning about the Ancient Greeks. There were many highlights for us which included:

- Our Greek Day with Kazak, a history specialist, Greek foods and learning the origins of myths and legends!
- A wide range of artwork including chalk pictures of a helmet, sketches of monsters and collage masks
- Writing our own Greek myth!
- Reading a wide range of myths and legends, and learning about the origin of the Gods and their offspring
- The children were also very proud of their picture frames that they designed and made as presents for Christmas. They did a very good job!
- Our Class assembly with the Olympic Games dance was successful and very enjoyable
- Lastly, learning to waltzes for our performance in A Christmas Carol



Thank you all for your support last term especially with the Greek costumes, they were brilliant, and helped to immerse the children into the spirit of Ancient Greece.

This weekend you will be receiving your child's Autumn Term Topic Book which will be full of the work that we have undertaken so far this academic year. We ask that you spend some time over the weekend looking at it with your child and enjoy and reflect upon the work. We also hope that you will have time to record some comments on the Topic Evaluation Sheet that is inside the book, so that you can feedback your own thoughts about your child's achievements. We ask that you do return the Topic Book after the weekend so that we can view your feedback and keep the book as evidence of work completed during the Autumn Term. In due course these books will be sent home again for you and your child to keep. The children in year 3 are encouraged, and shown, how to mount and stick their own work into their topic books. They have time to add illustrations and colour to make their books eye-catching.

This term (The Spring Term):

This term looks set to be another exciting one. We will be learning about life in Cuba and looking at the link with that country and the pirates that sailed the Caribbean, opening the way for us to create some truly inspired writing!

- Our main topic for the term is "Cuba" which has a geography focus but will also link to literacy, maths, history, art, computing and D&T.
- Early in the topic we are planning to take a flight to Cuba, pack our suitcase with clothes that we will need and make our passport and boarding pass.
- We are also planning to have a "Pirate Day" to enable the children to learn more about pirates.
- The children will also walk to Chichester College to watch the students perform. This year the story is, Jason and the Golden Fleece, a perfect link to the myths of the Ancient Greeks!
- As a key stage, the children will also be walking to the Festival Theatre to watch Hetty Feather.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Continue to help your child learn their times tables. Many children are now confident with 2, 4 and 8x table. We will be revisiting our 5x and 10x tables and then moving on to our 3x table;
- Continue to help your child learn their spellings. Encourage them to copy the list using correct joined handwriting throughout the week. Also, look out for the spelling pattern when they are reading so that they become familiar and can share their words during the spelling lesson;
- There are many useful websites including <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/cuba> and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuba>

Finally, do you know anyone who...

- has been to Cuba and can share their experiences with us?
- has photos or any other resources from Cuba that we can share with the children?
- has a pirate in their family tree...?