



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

Half Term 6

Topic: Discovering a Dynasty
Career Focus : Sculptor



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year 3 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through a range of texts including The Firework- Maker's Daughter. We will explore writing a narrative, a persuasion text and a recount. During this half term, we will also research topics using online sources, and explore poetry that uses sound to create effect.	• Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week. • Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Continue to help children develop their phonetical knowledge. • To practice spellings at home alongside looking for other words linked to the spelling rule for the week (from books, magazines, even packaging and instructions etc.)
Maths	In Maths, the class will continue to consolidate their understanding of multiplication focusing on 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables. We will also learn about time, shape and statistics.	• Look at multiples of 3, 4, 8 and 11. • To count in 3s, 4s, 8s and 11s. • Use clocks to identify the time.
Science	In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about how animal, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they get this from what they eat. We will also explore the bones and muscles in the human body, and their purpose. Our scientist for this topic is Yann Le Meur.	• Discuss the names of bones in the body. • Talk about what nutrition we get from eating different foods.
History	In History, year 3 will continue to learn about the Shang Dynasty exploring the question 'Why are the contents of Fu Hao's tomb helpful in telling us about life in Shang Dynasty times?'	• To discuss where China is in the world. • To discuss how life might have been different during the Shang Dynasty.
Art	In Art, pupils will explore Sculptures. We will look at and compare the work of Henry Moore and sculptures that we viewed in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We will then explore a range of artistic skills before creating our own sculptures.	• Discuss our artist. • How do sculptures differ from one another? • What can a sculpture be made of?
PE	In PE, we will be focussing on athletics and rounders.	• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
Latin	In Year 3, Children learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will learn about subject and object nouns, the roman army and Boudicca.	• Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from. • Discuss any vocabulary they have learnt.

Computing	Using Scratch, pupils will build upon their knowledge from unit A and will look at programming the sprite in different directions. Pupils will create their own maze-tracing programme.	Use Scratch at home to consolidate learning.
Online Safety	Children in Year 3 will learn about copyright and ownership. We will identify why copying someone else's work without their permission is unfair, and explain what problems this may cause.	Talk to your child about online safety and the rules in your home.
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at mental wellbeing. We will discuss how our emotions can affect our behaviour, and identify how self-care techniques. As a class we will also discuss how online bullying often has a long lasting negative impact on mental wellbeing.	- Discuss with your child what mental wellbeing is. - Talk about how self-care techniques.
Music	This half term, pupils are formally introduced to improvisation work. Pupils will learn that whilst improvisation is used by musicians as a way of experimenting with musical ideas before committing them to a fixed composition, improvisation is also a key feature of many jazz styles. Pupils will practice and develop their improvisation skills through a series of songs with a jazz influence.	- Discuss what the rhythm is in a song. - To listen to jazz style music and discuss what pupils think about it.
Virtue	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and every day practice. Our virtue for this half term is Fairness	Discuss what Fairness means and how we can be respectful to others inside, and out of, school.
Outdoor Education	Outdoor education for this half term is shelter.	