



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

Half Term 5

Topic: Discovering a Dynasty
Career Focus : Archaeologist



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	<p>In English, Year 3 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through a range of texts including Nim's Island. We will explore writing narratives, instructions and an explanation text.</p> <p>During this half term, we will also look at how to use contents pages and an index to locate information and discuss and compare different types of humour in poetry.</p> <p>Spellings – this term, children will receive 5 spellings. 3 spellings will be linked to the weeks spelling rule and 2 spellings will be from the Year 3 statutory spelling list. Over the week, children should look and find other words linked to the spelling rule and when we complete our spelling quiz in class, children will also be asked another 3 words linked to the spelling rule alongside the 5 words they took home. This helps to learn the spelling rule and apply it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>In Maths, the class will continue to consolidate their understanding of multiplication focusing on 3, 4, and 8 times table. We are continuing to learn about fractions, then moving on to mass and capacity, and money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's for this half term. • Look at multiples of 3, 4 and 8. • To count in 3s, 4s and 8s
Science	<p>In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic 'Plants'. We will revisit knowledge on the parts of a plant, and explore how pollinations occurs. We will complete science experiments investigating how water is transported in a plant, and what factors plants need to survive. Our scientist for this topic is Dr Kelsey Byers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the different parts of a plant • Talk about what plants need to survive
History	<p>In History, year 3 will begin learning about the Shang Dynasty exploring the question 'How different were people's lives during the Shang Dynasty?'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss where China is in the world.
Geography	<p>In geography, pupils will learn about the cardinal and intercardinal points on a compass, and identify human and physical features in local and unfamiliar locations, using maps and photos to help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the points on a compass • What human and physical features are near where you live
DT	<p>This half term, pupils will be completing a cooking topic, making Chow Mein.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ingredients are in Chow Mein?
Art	<p>In Art, pupils will explore Sculptures. We will look at and compare the work of Henry Moore and sculptures created during the Shang Dynasty, to inspire our very own sculptures using taught skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss our artist • How do sculptures now differ from sculptures made during the Shang Dynasty

PE	In PE, we will be focusing on cricket and tennis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from. Discuss any vocabulary they have learnt.
Computer Science and IT	Using Purple Mash children will continue to develop their knowledge of online safety. As well as online safety, we will focus on branching data bases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the purple mash website at home to consolidate learning i
Online Safety	Children in Year 3 will learn how they can access amazing places online. They will use laptops in class to access ICT lessons as well as other lessons across the curriculum. During these lessons, children will be made aware of the rules they need to follow to remain safe while using computer and the internet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 life cycles, and how different animal look after their babies before and after they're born.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how humans keep their babies safe, and how that can be similar or different to an animal.
Music	This half term, pupils will be learning the song 'Bringing us together' Children will listen and appraise the song, discussing the rhythm and tempo. Then, we will learn the words whilst using musical instruments to play along.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what the rhythm is in a song. Discuss how lyrics can have different impacts on listeners
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 Stickability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what stickability means and how we can be respectful to others inside, and out of, school.
Outdoor Education	Outdoor education for this half term is nature	