



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

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Topic: The World in our Hands  
Career Focus : Meteorologist



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 The Proudest Blue and The Invisible. We will explore writing narratives in the style of a myth, a non-chronological report and instructions.</p> <p>During this half term, we will also compare different fiction books, look at how information can be presented differently and prepare poems to read aloud.</p> <p><b>Spellings</b> – 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"> <li>• Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week.</li> <li>• Read your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading.</li> <li>• Continue to help children develop their phonetical knowledge.</li> <li>• 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.)</li> </ul>
Maths	<p>In Maths, the class will continue to consolidate their understanding of multiplication focusing on 3, 4, and 8 times table. Next, we will learn about division, dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. Then we will explore length and perimeter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's for this half term.</li> <li>• Look at multiples of 3, 4 and 8 .</li> </ul>
Science	<p>In Science, pupils will be investigating the topic 'Light'. We will learn about different light sources and that we need light to see things. Children will explore how light can reflect off some surfaces and that light emitted from the sun can be dangerous. Our scientist for this topic is <b>Isaac Newton</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss where light comes from.</li> <li>• Can pupils talk about why light from the sun can be dangerous?</li> </ul>
Geography	<p>In geography, pupils will learn about our world. We will explore and question different representations of the world, and learn about it as a sphere. We will look at lines of latitude and longitude, the equator, tropics and international date line to pin point locations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss where we live on Earth.</li> <li>• Can children identify where the different lines are on our Earth.</li> </ul>
DT	<p>This half term, pupils will be completing a textiles topic based on transforming material from 2D to 3D, designing and making pencil cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with your child about different materials</li> <li>• Why are some materials better suited for different things.</li> </ul>
Art	<p>In Art, pupils will explore painting. We will learn about different brush techniques, and how mixing secondary colours produces tertiary colours.</p> <p>We will link art work to our three artists –Jackson Pollock.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss our artist –Jackson Pollock .</li> </ul>

PE	In PE, we will be focusing on dance. In dance, we will create sequences of movement based on different stimuli. Pupils will also perform sequences using facial expressions and props.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.</li> <li>• Encourage your child to think about different movements they can make.</li> </ul>
RE	In RE, pupils will be exploring the question 'Why people prey?'. As a class, we will explore this question, looking at differences between religions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask children about why they think children might prey.</li> <li>• Discuss with pupils who they talk to when they need help .</li> </ul>
Latin	In Year 3, Children learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will start to look at verbs and adverbs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from.</li> <li>• Discuss any vocabulary they have learnt.</li> </ul>
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 spreadsheets and touch typing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the purple mash website at home to consolidate learning in class practice computing skills.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at relationships, feelings and attitudes. We will discuss how relationships can develop and change, and start to think about how we know what others are feeling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss at home how we know how others are feeling .</li> </ul>
Music	This term, pupils will explore different instruments and musical symbols. We will also learn some songs and melodies, to sing from memory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with pupils any songs they are learning at school.</li> </ul>
Virtue	<p>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.</p> <p>Our virtue for this half term is Bravery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what bravery means and how we can be respectful to others inside, and out of, school.</li> </ul>