



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	<p>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.</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 will also learn about money, time, shape and statistics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 '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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the names of bones in the body. • Talk about what nutrition we get from eating different foods.
History	<p>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?'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss where China is in the world. • To discuss how life might have been different during the Shang Dynasty.
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 exploring 'Shell Structures'. We will look at a variety of examples of Shell Structures before designing, making and evaluating our own products.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a shell structure? • Discuss any examples at home.
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 focussing on athletics and rounders.	<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 simulations and graphing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the purple mash website at home to consolidate learning.
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 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with your child what mental wellbeing is. Talk about how self-care techniques.
Music	This half term, pupils will continue to learn 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. We will also 'reflect, rewind and replay'	<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 Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 nature.	