



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

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Topic: The World Around You  
Career Focus : Topographer



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. We will explore writing a narrative 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></p> <p>Pupils will bring home their weekly spellings on a Monday and we will complete our spelling quiz on the Friday of the same week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim to hear your child read at least <b>four times a week</b>.</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.</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.</li> <li>• To practice counting in multiples of 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 complete a study of the United Kingdom, learning about the countries within the UK, their counties and capital cities. We will then explore the physical and human landmarks within each country of the UK.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the capital cities of the UK.</li> <li>• Can children identify any landmarks? Are they human or physical?</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• What is a shell structure?</li> <li>• Discuss any examples at home.</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 artist –Jackson Pollock.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss our artist –Jackson Pollock. How did he paint?</li> </ul>
PE	<p>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.</p>	<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	This half term, pupils will learn how to use scratch, creating their own animations, sequencing sound, using computer programming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils are able to access the scratch website at home to practice using the program.</li> </ul>
Online Safety	In online safety, pupils will learn about how using computers and being online can affect our health wellbeing and lifestyle. We will also explore online bullying, understanding how to get support if it ever happens.	<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 the History of Singing. By the end of this unit, pupils will know the historical significance of hymns, sea shanties and war songs. They will also be able to explain the impact singing together has on morale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with pupils any songs they are learning at school.</li> <li>• Listen to different types of songs at home.</li> </ul>
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 Bravery.	<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>
Outdoor Education	Our outdoor education topic for this half term is Rope.	