



## 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 The Diary of a Big Bad Wolf. We will explore writing character descriptions and looking at play scripts in preparation for our class story assembly.</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>	<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, 8 and 11 times tables. We will start to look at Mass and Capacity before moving on to our second fractions unit and our unit of work on Money.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To count in multiples of 3, 4, 8 and 11s.</li> <li>• To discuss different coins at home and how we calculate change.</li> </ul>
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 conditions plants need to survive. Our scientist for this topic is <b>Dr Kelsey Byers</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the different parts of a plant</li> <li>• Talk about what plants need to survive.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• To discuss where China is in the world.</li> </ul>
Geography	<p>In geography, pupils will revisit their learning around the countries and counties of the UK. We will explore the different geographical regions and identify their human and physical characteristics, and key topographical features (hills, mountains etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ask questions identifying the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities.</li> <li>• To discuss the difference between human features and physical features.</li> </ul>
DT	<p>This half term, pupils will be completing their unit of work 'form 2D to 3D'. Pupils will plan, make and evaluate their own pencil case.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What ingredients are in Chow Mein?</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Discuss our artist!</li> <li>• How do sculptures now differ from sculptures made during the Shang Dynasty?</li> </ul>

PE	In PE, we will be focusing on cricket and tennis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from.</li> <li>Discuss any vocabulary they have learnt.</li> </ul>
Computer Science and IT	In computing, pupils will learn about desktop publishing. We will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss why we might use computers to type documents.</li> </ul>
Online Safety	Children in Year 3 will explore what online reputation means. We will learn how to be respectful online, and how to maintain a positive online reputation.	<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 life cycles, and how different animal look after their babies before and after they're born.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss how humans keep their babies safe, and how that can be similar or different to an animal.</li> </ul>
Music	Building on from previous performance and notation work, this unit introduced pupils to improvisation and composition. Pupils will continue to develop their understanding of rhythm and pulse as they engage with body percussion work linked to the pieces studies. Pupils will engage with two pieces of music from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss what the rhythm is in a song.</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 <b>Stickability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss what stickability means and how we can be respectful to others inside, and out of, school.</li> </ul>
Outdoor Education	Outdoor education for this half term is nature	