



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	In English, Year 3 pupils will be encouraged to learn and write through a range of texts including Pinocchio and The Twits: The Plays. We will explore writing narratives, explanation texts and play scripts. 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.	<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	In Maths, the class will continue to consolidate their understanding of multiplication focusing on 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables. We are continuing to learn about fractions, then moving on to mass and capacity, and money.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To count in multiples of 3, 4, 8 and 11s. • To discuss fractions at home • To discuss different coins at home and how we calculate change.
Science	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 .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the different parts of a plant • Talk about what plants need to survive.
History	In History, year 3 will begin learning about the Shang Dynasty exploring the question 'How different were people's lives during the Shang Dynasty?'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss where China is in the world.
Geography	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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ask questions identifying the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities. • To discuss the difference between human features and physical features.
DT	This half term, pupils will be completing a cooking topic, making Chow Mein.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ingredients are in Chow Mein?
Art	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.	<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	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"> To discuss why we might use computers to type documents.
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"> 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	