



Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 3

Half Term 4

Topic: Shine Bright!

Career Focus : Photographer



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 Little Red Reading Hood. We will explore writing narratives, a non-chronological report and a letter.</p> <p>During this half term, we will also be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts to build more confidence in answering a range of retrieval questions. This means children will use the text to find information to answer the question and developing their skills to skim and scan the text</p> <p>In addition to this, pupils will be learning a range of spelling rules in line with the National Curriculum.</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, 8 and 11 times tables. We are continuing to learn about length and perimeter, moving on to fractions and then mass and capacity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To count in 3s, 4s, 8s and 11s • To discuss what units we would use to measure certain lengths. • Continue to count forwards and backwards in multiples of 50 to 1000.
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 Isaac Newton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss where light comes from. • Can pupils talk about why light from the sun can be dangerous?
Geography	<p>In geography, pupils will be learning about map skills and fieldwork. We will explore how grid references are useful on OS maps, and we will identify human and physical features. We will also identify symbols using a key. This will prepare us for our field trip to Richmond!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what we use maps for. • Can children identify human and physical features in the local area.
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 Jackson Pollock.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss our artist –Jackson Pollock.
PE	<p>In PE, we will be focusing on Gymnastics. Pupils will modify their actions using different directions and shapes. Pupils will also practice and improve movements and gymnastic actions, relating this to strength and flexibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. • Encourage your child to think about different movements they can make.

RE	In RE, pupils will be exploring the question 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?' Pupils will explore different religious festivals that take place across the Christian, Muslim and Jewish calendar and identify why they are important to those communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children to identify religious festivals • Discuss why some people might find them important
Latin	In Year 3, Children learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, children will continue to learn about verbs and adverbs, and applying this when reading myths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with pupils where the Latin language originates from. • Discuss any vocabulary they have learnt.
Computing	Pupils will develop their understanding on what branching data bases are and how to create one. Pupils will create physical and online data bases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what a branching data base is
Online Safety	Children in Year 3 will learn about online reputations where we will explore how to search for information about others online.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how to remain safe online.
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at keeping safe and looking after ourselves. We will look at what is a good habitat for looking after our growing bodies and what to do if someone wants to make us do something that we don't want to do or makes us feel uncomfortable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at home how we can keep ourselves safe (online safety, road safety etc)
Music	This half term, pupils will be introduced to the treble stave. They will learn that the stave is the five lines that music is written on and that each line and space on the stave represents a different note (pitch). Pupils will learn the vocabulary associated with stave notation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss and listen to music outside of school • What different types of music can pupils identify?
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 Coolness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what bravery means and how we can be respectful to others inside, and out of, school.