

What we are Learning in Year 3 this Half Term

January to February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Christmas and wishing you a happy new year! Please find below the overview of this half terms subjects. If you have any questions, or would like to help out with anything we are doing in school, then please feel free to come and speak to us.

LENT 1	Key Vocabulary
ENGLISH This term we will be writing a non-chronological report on the fictional planet Pandora, and we will write about a planet of our own. We will focus on the correct layout and how to add interest to our writing by using a variety of conjunctions and openers.	Heading Subheading Paragraphs
 MATHS Multiples of 10 Multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers with and without exchange Divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number – with reminders Link multiplication and division Flexible partitioning Measure in mm, cm, and m Equivalent lengths 	Multiplication Column Exchange Division Divisor Partition Remainder Millimetres Centimetres Metres Equivalent Length
RE – Journeys We will explore our journey in life and the journey of the Churches Liturgical year, where Christians celebrate the key elements of Christ's life.	Liturgical Feast Day Ordinary Time Annunciation
 Science – Human needs and the functions of the skeleton (Continued from Adv2) To identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition. To identify that the skeleton protects the internal organs, provides support, and the joints allow movement. To understand that muscles work in pairs to contract and relax which allows the body to move. To know that some animals are vertebrates and have an endoskeleton whilst some are invertebrates and have either an exoskeleton or hydrostatic skeleton. 	Skeleton Vertebrate Invertebrate Endoskeleton Exoskeleton Hydrostatic skeleton Muscles Contract Relax
HISTORY – Ancient Egyptians	Fertile Pharaoh Papyrus Scribe Tombs Sarcophagus

 There was a clear hierarchy of society with six layers from Pharaoh down to slaves and farmers The Egyptians mummified people of importance to prepare them for the afterlife Tutankhamen was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found by Harold Carter in 1922. 	Embalm Mummification Scarab Pyramids
Design and Technology – Textiles-To make a cushion (Continued) To design and make a simple cushion using appliqué for decoration.	Appliqué Cross stitch Design Equipment Fabric Patch Running stitch Thread
 Understand that people are responsible for making good decisions about their own health. Mental health, just like physical health, is part of daily life; the importance of taking care of mental health Know what their rights and responsibilities are as global citizenship, based on human needs and human rights 	Lifestyle Exercise Secure Love Mental Health Physical Health Right Responsibility Citizen
COMPUTING Creating Media Relate animated movement to a sequence of images	Animation Sequence Movement Images Frames Storyboard
MUSIC Reading notation • Developing skills on recorders through improvisation	Stave Line Spaces Consecutive notes Pitch Staff notation

Year 3 Diary Dates		
Partake-Egyptian Day	Wednesday 31 st January	
Parents meetings	Tuesday 6 th February	
Parents meetings	Wednesday 7 th February	
Last day of term	Thursday 8 th February (Friday 9 th	
	INSET Day)	

Reading

Your child is expected to read at least 3 times a week at home, with 3 entries written into their reading diary. This can be an entry written by your child themselves. Each child has a book mark with reading prompts on, which can be used to help them write a purposeful comment about their reading book. The main focus of our reading in Year 3 is comprehension, including exploring vocabulary.

In class, we carry out regular whole class reading comprehensions based on our class book which is read to the children most days. This half terms book is The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepard.



Maths

White Rose Maths has some fantastic **free** workbooks. If you would like to support your child's learning, you can access the workbooks using the link below. Please only access the Spring topics for now to help consolidate learning.

https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources

PΕ

Although the weather is cold, we will still be outside for PE. Please make sure your child has the correct winter PE kit in school to ensure they are warm during these sessions.

Forest School

A letter was sent out at the end of the Autumn term about Forest School. All children will be taking part in these sessions. They will take place on Thursdays. Please make sure they have clothing suitable for the cold/wet weather.