

## English

This term we will continue to look at a range of different genres of writing. In the first half of the spring term, we will be looking at using suspense in narrative writing before moving on and looking at the features of persuasive writing. In spring 2 we will be writing instructions linked to our Learning Challenge and looking at creating dialogue between characters. We will be using a lot of the teaching ideas from 'Talk for Writing' which helps the children to listen to, talk about and then craft their own writing around lots of good examples of the genres we are covering. Throughout the genres covered, we will be using poetry to generate and talk about the language and its use.

## Science

This term will see us learning lots about the different States of Matter. We will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases and this offers lots of opportunities for practical, 'hands-on' activities, which I know the children enjoy.

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022



### **Happy New Year and Welcome**

**Back!** Welcome back to what looks to be a very exciting and varied spring term ahead. First of all, and on behalf of Mrs Young, I would like to say how lovely the cards and gifts we received were and to say a very big thank you. I am really looking forward building on all of the good work so far. Thank you for your help and support. The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home.

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!



### Reading Books



Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary every day and we will try to change these in the day if possible. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to call in and see me at the end of the school day.

## Maths

We will continue to build on previous knowledge, revising place value, and addition and subtraction through daily four operations and problem solving throughout our maths lessons. The focus for the spring term will be multiplication and division, and fractions. We use other subjects such as D&T and science to apply what we have learned and look at other areas of maths like shape, space and measure. The children are developing their recall of times tables and this is an area of maths where extra time spent learning multiplication facts really pays off, in the spring term and beyond. Ideally by the end of spring the children should know 2,4,5,8 times tables before moving to 3,6 and 9 in the summer.



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## Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism in their RE lessons, which will be taught by Mrs Walker on a Wednesday afternoon.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.

### Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on the 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The purpose of the day is to promote the positive use of digital technology for children, and to generate conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

We will continue to use HeartSmart for our PSHCE learning and the theme for this half term is 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy' where we discuss and look at focusing on the feelings and needs of others as well as ourselves.

### Computing

A range of ICT, such as iPads and Chromebooks, will be used throughout the curriculum to enhance our learning. In computing lessons, children will begin to look at the processes of programming as well as using our multimedia skills. We will also have a heavy focus on E-Safety with children learning how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

### Learning Challenge

Our question for the spring term is 'What does Fair Trade mean to farmers?' We will look at what Fair Trade means, who is involved in Fair Trade, where in the world Fair Trade farms can be found and what they produce, the effects of climate on farming and lots more. Our Learning Challenge will give us the opportunity to develop our geography skills and links with lots of other topic areas including PSHCE, art and D&T.


### PE

As you will already be aware, for the first half of the term we will be swimming each Monday morning. Throughout spring, our sports coach Fiona will continue with PE on Wednesday mornings and the focus this term will be on striking and fielding games. The sessions will be outdoor, wherever possible, so please ensure that you have packed suitable clothing and footwear. After half term, instead of swimming, we will be looking at movement and symmetry as part of weekly gymnastics PE lessons indoors.

### Homework

Spellings will continue to be given out on Monday and assessed the following Monday. Spelling scores in the main have been good but have been inconsistent for others, as with multiplication tables. Learning the spellings and spelling rules has a big impact on the quality of writing moving forward and while we do practice in school, the extra time spent learning spellings at home does really help. A Mathematics task will be set on Monday each week beginning on 17th January. There will be an opportunity for those children who can't complete this work at home, to do so in school, but if you can support your children through these short tasks at home that would be greatly appreciated.

### Art/DT

Already this year the children have created some amazing art and we will continue to use our sketch books to practice and develop our drawing and painting skills. The spring term will also see us investigating and experimenting with different types of print. We will be looking at logos and how they are used to advertise and developing our own Fair Trade logo. 

### Story Time

As always, we are making a concerted effort to read whenever possible and expose the children to lots of quality writing and this term our class books will be 'When life gives you Mangoes' and 'The Abominables.' Time will be given for other stories too, to make sure that the children have a rich and varied reading diet.