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Year 3 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support in the autumn term, please find a brief outline of what we will be covering in the spring term.

Topic Focus	Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age.
Subject	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	The whole class text that we will be using this term is <i>Ug (Boy Genius of the Stone Age)</i> by Raymond Briggs. Children will learn how to punctuate, using question and exclamation marks, as well as inverted commas for speech. They will develop descriptions of characters and settings, organising their writing into paragraphs. They will learn about different word classes, use a range of prefixes and suffixes and develop their understanding of grammar and sentence structure. In addition they will develop their editing skills. They will have opportunities to write in a range of genres and for speaking and listening.
Maths	This term, children will be deepening their understanding of measure and time. Children will be taught how to tell and write time from both an analogue and digital clock. They will learn how to measure the perimeter of simple 2D shapes, add and subtract lengths and solve problems involving measure. Children will be given lots of opportunities to apply these concepts in problem solving situation and further embed their understanding of the four operations.
Science	Our topic for the first half term is light. Children will learn about different light sources and how to keep safe in the sun. They will be given the opportunity to plan and complete fair tests to investigate what happens to shadows when the distance from a light source changes.
RE	In R.E. this term we will be looking at the distribution of wealth and resources across the world, asking "Is it fair?" and exploring the role of charities.
Computing	During this term, we will revisit the topic of e-safety. Children will learn about using the iPads to take photographs and videos and will explore photo and video editing techniques.
PSHE	In PSHE we will be covering water, road and fire safety.
Art and DT	In Art, we will be developing our pencil techniques and drawing skills, with a focus on drawing rocks. We will also be finding out about and investigating cave art, creating our own paints and cave paintings. As part of DT we will create Roman bullas.
History and Geography	We will be having a historical focus this term. Children will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will have the opportunity to use a variety of sources to learn about the past. They will be making comparisons between our lives and how people lived in the past.
Music	As musicians we will explore graphic notation. We will choose instruments and play, using musical dimensions, to match the graphic symbols. We will create our own symbols to match sounds and create a composition in groups using the graphic notation, considering layers and texture in music.
PE	During the spring term, Year 3 will be going swimming every Friday. Children will have the opportunity to work towards skills 1, 2 or 3 depending on their current ability. Our

	inside PE will be creative dance and gymnastics. Children will have the opportunity to develop their rhythm, balance and co-ordination.
Modern Foreign Languages	Children will continue to develop their understanding of Spanish. They will learn the names of different fruits, the days of the week and months of the year. They will also continue to work on basic conversational phrases.
Visits	Swimming every Friday.

Important Dates Spring

Fridays from 13th January

Friday 20th January

Thursday 26th January

Wednesday 1st February

Friday 3rd February

Wednesday 8th February

Thursday 9th February

13th- 17th February

Monday 20th February

Thursday 2nd March

Saturday 4th March

Friday 31st March

Swimming

PTA meeting 2pm

PTA movie night 3:30- 5pm

Young Voices in Birmingham

Service Families Forum 3:30pm

Cake Friday

Parent Consultations 3:30 – 7pm

Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6pm

Half term

School closed- staff training

World Book Day- dressing up

PTA Spring Ball

Last Day of term

Homework

Children will be set an open ended task every two weeks (approximately). Children will be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

We were really impressed with the quality of the homework that the children completed in the autumn term. It was lovely to see the different and creative ways that the children tackled the tasks.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. We will be continuing with the AR system this term. Children will be set new targets and their reading level will be re-assessed.

P.E. days/kits

P.E. for Year 3 will be on a Thursday, but please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day as this allows us to be flexible and to embed these skills across the curriculum.

Inside P.E. - a white t-shirt, dark shorts, trainers or plimsolls.

Outside P.E. - trainers, a white t-shirt, dark shorts, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as it can get very cold.

No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all P.E. activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please provide tape for them to tape them up. Long hair should be tied back.

Swimming

Children will go swimming every Friday for 10 weeks. They need to have a swimming costume and towel packed in a separate bag. Children may take goggles, but they may not always be able to use them.

Parental Help

Parental help is always greatly appreciated in school. If you are able to offer regular or occasional help, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs. Hammond, Mrs Wood and Mrs Dris.