



Summer 2 Half Term Information for Parents Year 3

Happy children aiming high

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a restful break and are ready for the new half term. This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Themes: Summer 2 – Mayans Topic

Cross curricular links:

English: We will spend time researching the Mayans and writing some persuasive letters based around a chocolate theme. We will also read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and base some of our work around this.

Art / DT: In Art and DT we will be designing and weaving simple baskets and looking at how chocolate moulds work.

Maths: When problem solving in maths we will use Mayan themes. We will also look at the Mayan number system.

History: The children will get a chance to learn about the Mayan civilisation. We will look at their culture and pyramid building. We will also make some Mayan masks.

ICT: We will use ICT to research facts about the Mayans. This will feed into our writing. We will also think about how polls are made. We may do our own!

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: Children will cover National Curriculum objectives for Year 3. This will include work on time and geometry – looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will also complete some work on weight and capacity – this should involve lots of practical work too! We will continue to focus on times tables particularly with regards to the 2,5,10,3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science: We will be growing bean plants and looking at different conditions for growth. We will do some growth tests to see if we can determine some ideal conditions for growing plants.

PSCHE: We will consider how changes can affect us and what strategies we have for dealing with changes we might experience.

RE: We will look at different buildings and how they are important to different religions.

PE: The children will take part in skills sessions and short games of Kwik Cricket and rounders. There is also time allocated for athletics and sports day will be part of this.

Music: The children will be taking part in singing lessons led by Mrs Smith. It is also our singing event at the theatre. Get your voices at the ready!

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn. This includes having all the equipment they need for the day, such as PE kit, reading book and reading record.
- Practise core vocabulary words. Can your child read and spell them?
- Complete homework activities with your child.
- Share your child's school reading book with them, discussing characters, events and opinions. This is best done often and in short bursts.
- Practise mental maths including times tables. Discuss money, time and measures with real

examples.

- Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about at school and where possible, extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.
- Please check your child's book bag frequently for letters and other information.
- If you have any interesting topic related artefacts that your child could share for a display or discussion, please bring them into school.

Homework

We will send home our topic based homework for children to choose from and look forward to receiving some more wonderful work for our class display. We will also remind the children about regular times table revision based upon the times table your child is currently learning.

Class Reminders

PE: Y3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure PE kits are in school on all school days to ensure it is available for any extra PE sessions.

Children must always have sandshoes or trainers.