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Middle Phase Spring Term 2020 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support during the autumn term. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and look forward to working with you again in 2020.

Topic Focus	Hunter Gatherers
Subject	Main Learning Focus
English	We will be using the text Stone Age Boy from which the children will be writing a diary entry and an instructional text. We will also be looking at the creation of Play-scripts and writing a Non Chronological report.
Maths	Areas of study will include: Multiplication and division, Area, Fractions and Decimals
Science	Magnets and Forces followed by Parts of Plants
RE	Why was Jesus important? What was he trying to teach people? Is Easter a festival of new life or sacrifice?
Computing	We are programmers
PSHE	Citizenship –Working together and SRE.
Art and DT	Rock Bottom Production – Performance Art and Cave paintings / Making paint with clay DT - Cooking
Geography	History focus this term.
History	Stone age, Bronze Age and Iron Age
Music	Rock Bottom Production
PE	Y3 – Swimming & Year 4 Dance and Netball Skills
MFL	Spanish – Animals and Musical Instruments.
Visits	None this term. Summer term – London and Year 4 Grafham Residential

Home Learning Log

Children will be provided with a stimulus linked to their learning on a Friday and will be expected to bring their home learning in on the second Wednesday. As the children have additional time, there is an expectation that their home learning should be creative and neatly presented. Many of the children really impressed us with their creativity and the quality of their homework over the Autumn term. Children will continue to be given the opportunity to share their learning with their friends in class.

Due in	Sent home
	10 th January 2020
22 nd January 2020	24 th January 2020
5 th February 2020	
Half term	
	28 th February 2020
11 th March 2019	13 th March 2019
25 th March 2019	

Daily Reading:

Children should be bringing home a school book to read along with their Reading Record. We do expect the children to read at home 5 x a week for at least 20 minutes per day. Please ensure that this reading is recorded in the reading Record.

Children will be continuing to use Accelerated Reader (AR). If you would like to check whether a book from home / the library is on AR, you can use the following link: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

Important Dates

Bikeability Year 3	Friday 10th January
Y4 Grafham Information Meeting	Thursday 19th March – 5.30pm
Y3/Y4 Production	Tuesday 24th March – evening performance Wednesday 25th March – afternoon and evening performances

Homework club

Homework club takes place every Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. All children are welcome to attend this club. If you would like your child to be reminded to attend homework club, please send a message into your child's class teacher.

Spellings

At the end of last term, we completed a second spelling test of the first 40 words from the national curriculum word lists for years 1/2 and years 3/4. Most children worked really hard to learn these words and made great progress. We will continue to send word lists to you for homework, but this term we would like them to create a sentence in their handwriting books, to demonstrate their understanding of each word. We will continue to monitor progress and repeat the spelling test at the end of the Spring term.

Times tables

By the end of year 4, it is expected that children will be able to recall multiplication facts and division facts for all times tables up to 12 x 12. We will continue to support their learning in class, however, any daily practise at home would help them greatly. Listening and singing along to songs on the internet, chanting whilst travelling in the car etc. Some weeks children will be given times tables to learn and other weeks they will be given times tables tests to check their progress and understanding.

PE days/kits:

PE kit should be in school from Monday to Friday.

Please can we remind you that it is no longer acceptable to use tape to cover earrings. This applies in both PE lessons and at any clubs. We would therefore advise that children leave any earrings at home on their PE day. Any child who cannot remove their studs will be given another task to complete during the lesson. Whenever possible children should be able to remove their own jewellery before a PE lesson.

PE is statutory and a compulsory part of the School Curriculum. Each child needs the correct kit for use within PE lessons. This should include:

- plimsolls (trainers are not allowed for apparatus work)
- white round-necked T-shirt (football tops are not to be worn)
- black shorts
- a warm tracksuit, or something similar, to wear when the weather is cold
- outdoor trainers

Please remember:

- All clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Long hair must be tied back for PE and games.
- PE kits need to be sent into school at the beginning of the half term then it will be sent home by the teacher at the end of the half term to be washed.
- Children are expected to take part in every PE lesson. A child's class teacher will need a written note from a parent/carer if there is a health-related reason that prevents a child from taking part in physical exercise.

Swimming- Year 3

Children will go swimming every Friday for 10 weeks. Swimming lessons start on the 17th January and end on the 27th March. 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

In the Autumn term, we were extremely lucky to have so much parental help and support. If you or a close family member are able to offer regular or occasional help this year, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are particularly looking for individuals that are happy to read on a 1:1 basis with children or to accompany the year three children swimming.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Landeryou, Mr Whitehouse, Mrs Clipsham, Miss McAuley, Mrs Henson, Mrs Lane-Petter, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Evans.