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Loving minds ♥ hearts ♥ hands.

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We will be doing lots of exciting new topics this half term in Year 3

Reading every day is extremely important. First and foremost we expect you to listen to your child read every day for 5-10 minutes at home as we are listening to your child read every day and we will check their reading record daily, so please sign it every time you read with them. My Book Blog is being used and children are encouraged to use the resources. **Home-learning** will be maths and literacy. This will be sent home on Thursday and one page of maths and literacy should be completed and returned to school by Tuesday morning. **Spellings** will be sent home every Friday to practise for a spelling test on the following Friday. Please practise daily with your child. Also, your child is expected to do regular practice on **Times Tables Rock Stars** and this will be monitored and assessed.

RE: Home and Family

The school uses as a basis a scheme called *Come and See*. This half term's topic will be on home and family; the children will learn that there are different types of families. Looking at key questions like:

What makes a house a home?

How do you make people feel welcome in school and at home?

What does it mean to have a loving heart?

The children will ultimately learn "how we are all part of Gods family".



Literacy:

In literacy we follow Read Write Inc. (Bridging the gap) at the minute which helps to prepare Year 3 for starting the next scheme called Literacy and Language. We are currently onto a fiction text which is a story called 'The three of us' which is about a new boy joining a school. The children learn about the key vocab linked to the text and answer key questions on the text itself.

Numeracy

In numeracy this half term the topics we will focus on will be place value to 1000 as well as addition and subtraction. The children will develop their understanding of place value which will include hundreds, tens and ones. The children will use number lines, place value counters, numicon and part whole models to aid with their place value and develop their ability in addition and subtraction. The children will also compare, order numbers and even count in 50s!



Science: Forces

In science we have started a new topic – Forces. Children will discuss different types of forces such as push, pull and magnetic forces. Experiments will be carried out such as testing different surfaces using a ramp and a toy car and using magnets to test if an object is magnetic. Children will also plan to investigate key questions e.g. are all metals magnetic?



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History: Stone Age to the Iron Age

In history the children will learn about the chronology and main events, of the changes in Britain from the stone age to the iron age. They will look closely at each individual age comparing the tools, homes and lifestyle to see how Britain progressed -all the way to the start of the Roman Empire!



P.E.: Gymnastics and Games

This year, P.E. will be on a Monday morning and a Tuesday afternoon. It is essential that children have the correct PE kit in school, this is especially important on these days. On Mondays, the children will do gymnastics with Mr Warburton. On Tuesdays, the children will be doing invasion focused games. This will focus on developing skills such as dodging, making space to receive a ball and defending opponents.



Computing: Systems and connecting computers

Children will develop their understanding of computer systems and networks-connecting computers They will explain the input, output, and process aspects of a variety of different real-world systems. Children will also develop their skills in working together online.



Music:

In music this half term the children will focus on selecting different sounds to accompany a descriptive retelling of a poem using our environment by building, sequencing and layering music.



Art: Drawing

In Art, children will be focusing on drawing, particularly portraits. They will have the opportunity to look and compare the works of Rene Gruau and William Kentridge seeing the similarities and differences. The children will also explore different pencils and using a range of drawing implements.



French:

In French the children are learning how to identify where French is spoken; they will be able to say their name and how they feel. They will start to learn French phrases and develop their ability to speak French .



Activities to enjoy at home:

Any research done at home will help with their topic. Please could you encourage your child to not copy from books or the internet but to adapt and write in their own words and we may have time to show this to the rest of the class at the end of the day for show and tell.

Read as much as you can! Newspapers, magazines, blogs, story books – anything and everything!!

Useful websites.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfg9bqt>