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Colvestone Primary School Class newsletter



Spring Term Year 3

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Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term is the **Animal Kingdom**.

In Year 3 we will be learning about **Grasslands and Plains**. We will learn about: the animals, plant life and climate within this habitat. We will be looking at their seven life processes which are movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition. Our class novel this term is **Akimbo Adventures**.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

In PSED this term we will be focusing on the Colvestone values which are: Charity, Openness, Life long learners, Voting, Enrich, Safety, Tolerance, Origins, being Neighbourly and Equality. We will be displaying our values on a values tree in our classroom.

English

Reading: We will be reading our class novel **Akimbo Adventures**. In guided reading we will be provided with new books each week. We will focus on answering clarifying, retrieval and inference questions.

Writing:

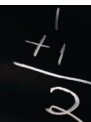
We will be writing many texts using our habitat as inspiration. We will be drawing from areas in Science and Geography to influence our writing. We will create brochures for Safari Zone our class theme park, and writing about the life cycle.

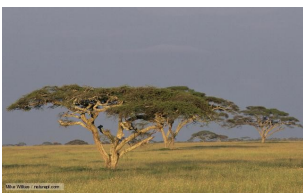
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar: We will be learning about subordinate clauses and inverted commas. We will continue to work on our spelling through our reading and writing.

Mathematics

Length: In mathematics this term we will further develop our understanding of length. We look at measuring perimeter and the various scales of measurement.

Money: We will use our class Safari Zone gift shop to aid use in our learning of money. We will be adding and subtracting amounts of money through word problems and activities surrounding the shop.





Topic

In Topic this term we will be focusing on habitats. We will investigate the climate, animals, plant life and 7 process of life through our habitat. We will make cross curricular links with subjects including science, geography, music and art.

Religious Education (RE)



This term in RE we will learning about Judaism. We will be looking at key figures and events that led to Judaism evolving. We will learn about the traditions and beliefs of Jewish people. We will investigate life as a Jew across the world. We will compare similarities and differences between our own religions and Judaism.

Physical Education (PE)



In P.E children will be improving their coordination, flexibility and balance through movement. They will be working on their teamwork skills and will learn about the importance of exercise to improve health.

Art and Design

In Design and Technology this term we will be learning a variety of artistic techniques to create our impressions of our focus habitat. These techniques include; sketching, collage, and sculpture.



Homework



Homework is given out every Friday and is to be returned by Wednesday. Please ensure that your child completes all homework as he/she will be given an English, a Maths and a Spelling homework.

- **Times Tables:** Please ensure your child practises their times tables every week. By the end of year 3, your child should know their 3, 4, and 8 times tables as well as 2's, 5's and 10's.

Reading



- **Reading:** It is important that your child continues to read every day at home for at least 15 minutes.
- Please make time to listen to your child read and ask questions about their current book.
- Also, **BIG READ** is held every Wednesday from 9:00-9:30. You are welcome to join!

P.E

P.E will remain on the same days, Monday and Thursday. Children will need to remember to bring their P.E kits on Monday and Thursday.



Punctuality



Please ensure that your child comes to school on time. Your child should be in the playground by 8.55am at the latest ready for a 9am start.

If your child is late, they will miss the beginning of the first lesson which will affect their learning for that session.