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Class newsletter

Year 3

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Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term, is 'Ancient Civilisation.'

In Year 3 we will be learning about the Shang Dynasty.

We will learn about: those who lived within the Shang Dynasty and their culture. We will look at all aspects of Shang Dynasty life from communication to food.



Personal, Social Health Economics Education (PSHEE)

This term we will Learn:

- To continue to emphasise high academic and behavioural expectations.
- To promote and enact the values from our Colvestone acrostic.
- To value the opinions and ideas of others.

English

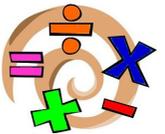
Reading: We will practice summarising key events, identify important details, create questions for texts and clarify the meaning of new vocabulary.

Writing: We will study the features used in a variety of genres, including biographies. We will learn about effectively using rich vocabulary, joint handwriting, and prefixes and suffixes in our writing.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: We will use conjunctions, a variety of pronouns and nouns, perfect tense and introduce speech punctuation.

Mathematics

- Place value and the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- To add two digit numbers by partitioning.
- To read, write and understand all numbers to 1000
- To know the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- We will do word problems for all areas of maths that are inspired by our topic.
- Properties of 2D and 3D shape.
- Measure simple perimeter .
- Calculate using simple time problems



History, Science and Religious Education

This term we will:

- Investigate different rocks and carry out a variety of experiments.
- Consider the artefacts from Shang Dynasty era, that may have been buried beneath rock.
- Explore the food and diet of the Shang Dynasty civilisation.
- Identify the religions within the Shang Dynasty.
- Focus on Sikhism in R.E. We will be looking at the importance of Guru Nanak within the Sikh faith.



Physical Education (PE)

This term we will learn:

- We will learn sequencing and direction through dance.
- We will focus on a range of movements to music.
- We will choreograph dances in groups.
- To work effectively as a team.
- To improve balance, control and flexibility in Taekwondo.



Creative Development (CD)

This term we will learn:

- decorate our own Willow pattern plate inspired by our class novel.
- create shadow puppets to aid us in our storytelling for literacy.
- complete computer programming projects using the Scratch coding language, during house time. The children will follow step-by-step tutorials from CodeClub.org which will be pitched at their stage of programming experience. The animations and games start simple and progress to levels of complexity aimed at secondary school students.



Reminders

- **P.E:** Every **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child brings appropriate kit (sports shoes, and black attire.) If your child is unable to do PE, please let me know or send a note with your child.
- **Homework:** is given out each **Friday** and is to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. It will normally consist of literacy, maths and spellings.
- **Punctuality:** It is important that children get into good time-keeping habits. The more time in school, the better their learning outcomes will be.
- I will be out of class each **Tuesday** morning for Planning, and Assessment. On **Wednesday** afternoon, I will be out of class for professional development.



Please ensure your child returns their book each week.

- **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!
- **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.



Thank you in anticipation of your continued support over the Autumn term.