

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to see the children are revitalised after their Christmas break and are back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

Spring 1 in Year 3

Our topic is: Brilliant Britain

English	Maths	Science	Art	Geography
<p>Linking to our Geography topic on the UK, we are learning how to write a non-chronological report on one country in the UK. We will be looking at how to use headings, subheadings, paragraphs, fact boxes, pictures and captions to write our report.</p> <p>We are also looking at the book <i>The Tin Forest</i>. We will revisit our descriptive writing skills from last half term and use these along with conjunctions to extend our sentences to write our own stories based on this book.</p>	<p>In Maths, we will start the half term learning about column addition, including how to regroup across the tens and hundreds boundaries. We then look at the times tables 2, 4 and 8, using facts that we know to help us with answers that we don't know. We explore the journey to get to the answer as much as being able to answer the question.</p>	<p>In Science this half term we focus on flowering plants. We look at the function of roots and how water is carried from the roots to the flowers. We learn about the function of leaves to a flowering plant, and explore the life cycle of a flowering plant. We look at the flowering plants of the UK, exploring some of our most loved flowers.</p>	<p>This half term we will be looking at Van Gogh's life and focusing on his painting "Sunflowers". We will examine the way he produced his paintings and make our own Sunflowers painting in the same style.</p>	<p>Our topic this term takes us on a tour of the UK. We will look at the countries of the UK and the corresponding capital cities. We look at hills, mountains, seas and the coastlines that makes the UK unique.</p>
PE	RE	Music	Computing	PSHE
<p>This half term we are looking at the games of dodgeball and volleyball.</p>	<p>Symbol - Eucharist We will be looking at symbols and what symbols mean to us. We will look at the concept of symbols and how they are used in Christianity.</p>	<p>Music this half term is focused on developing active listening skills by responding to musical themes through movement.</p>	<p>This term we will look at building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions.</p>	<p>This half term our focus is on Health and Wellbeing, looking at being healthy, stretches and relaxation, and identifying our personal strengths.</p>

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.topmarks.co.uk

Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid has been sent out. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it. It has also been put onto Google Classroom and homework can be submitted for us to see online.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday** and will be returned every **Friday**.

This term, Year 3 have PE every **Tuesday and Friday**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on these days.

How can I help my child at home?

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please remember to write in their reading diary when your child reads, and remind them to bring their book in daily. To encourage independence, your child needs to tell us when they need a new book.