

**In Year 3 this half term your child will be learning the following:**

**English**

- Charlotte's Web
- Poetry
- Non-fiction genres
- Diary writing, narratives, descriptions, newspapers, recounts & instructions (fiction & non-fiction)

**How you can support your child:**

- Listen to them read at home, ask them questions about their book and encourage reading for pleasure. To help your child to improve their reading, encourage them to read at least three times a week and get their reading record signed each time.
- Research all about Greece & Egypt – read non-fiction books about it as well.
- Watch environmental news
- Read books by a variety of authors both fiction and non-fiction.
- Read as many real life newspapers as possible.
- Help them to complete their homework.
- Practise their spellings with them.
- Listen to them reading poetry out loud.

**Our day for changing reading books is FRIDAY. All reading books must be in school DAILY.**

**Maths**

**Fractions, time, measures & statistics (including revision of key number work, written methods, multiplication and division facts and Club 99)**

**How you can support your child**

- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables. It is important that pupils know their times tables and can recall the corresponding division facts  
e.g.  $6 \times 4 = 24$ ,  $24 \div 6 = 4$ .
- Encourage your child to use maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money to pay in shops, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Use cash and explore money and the value of each denomination
- Practice telling the time, reading timetables and time keeping.
- Encourage your child/play games with them – maths snap, hit the button, bingo etc.

**Science**

**Areas of Study:** Light and shadow

**How you can support your child:**

- Discuss light and its various sources
- Discuss sun safety and how we can protect ourselves – not looking directly at the sun.
- Explore shadows, their darkness and what causes them.
- Conduct some independent research into this topic.

**Useful Links:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbssgk7>

**Geography – In the desert**

This half term we will be learning all about deserts, what makes a desert a desert? We will be looking at geographical skills such as map reading, compasses and grid references as well as locating countries and continents on a map.

- To find out what deserts are and where in the world they are located.
- To investigate the weather and climate of deserts.
- To find out about desert formations.
- To find out how deserts are used by humans.
- To find out about people who live in deserts.
- To find out about the causes and effects of desertification.

**How you can support your child:**

- Encourage them to discuss with you what they have learnt in their history topic.
- Help them to do library or internet research about WW2
- Make an information book together: All About World War 2
- Discuss how children would have felt being evacuated, separated from their parents and loved ones and sent to a new home.

**PSHE**

As part of our new P.S.H.E curriculum, this half term your child will be taught about 'Relationships' covering:

- Equal Relationships
- Healthy Relationships

- Privacy and unwanted touch

**Parents are not able to withdraw their child from 'Relationships Education'.**

The sessions in school may reinforce what you are already speaking to your child about at home and the key words below may assist you with these conversations.

**Key Vocabulary**

Support, stability, trusted, self-respect, rights, balance, self-worth, habit, positive, negative, change, manage, individuality, express, prevent, consent

**PE**

**Pupils will be doing PE every Monday and Tuesday.**

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. They must bring in their jumper and coat as well as their book bags.**

**As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on the PE day.**

**Useful websites**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

The BBC site has a schools area with lots of games and learning resources for English and maths.

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/> - lots of activities and learning resources.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> – activities, homework and revision.

The following websites are excellent resources to practise and learn times tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<http://www.sums.co.uk/mathematics/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**We also have links on our own website and will be developing these throughout the year.**

**Homework**

**Every Friday your child will be given:**

- A piece of reading homework to supplement their reading books.
- Maths & English work linked to learning in class.
- There could be Geography/science specific work
- A set of spellings/rules and/or phonics to be learnt for a weekly test.

**All homework is due in by Wednesday.**

**Contacts**

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