Year 3 Autumn Term

How to help your child at home

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| **Curriculum Area** | **Focus for learning** | **How you can help at home** |
| **English**  http://images.clipartpanda.com/english-clipart-SecondaryBooks.gifPen Clip Art | In English we will start the year by reading ‘The Storm’ by Kevin Crossley-Holland. This is a spooky ghost story which will help us learn lots of fantastic new descriptive vocabulary. We are going to learn about direct speech and eventually write a conversation between the characters of the story.  We will then move on to a non-fiction text that asks ‘Was Tutankhamun killed?’ The children will need to use their best detective skills to research this famous pharaoh to make their own conclusion about how he died. They will write their findings in a detailed report.  In the next term, we will read ‘An Egyptian Cinderella’. This is a retelling of the classic story that the children know already. We continue to read stories set in the past as we read a story about a boy who takes a magical journey to the Stone Age in ‘Stone Age Boy’. We will be describing settings and writing instructions. | ☺ Read with your child as much as possible asking questions about the book they are reading.  ☺Please encourage your child to practise spellings. Try asking the children to say the words, find the meaning and write them in sentence.  ☺There will be weekly English homework that will aim to secure what has been taught in class throughout the week. |
| **Maths**  Image result for maths b&w | The children will focus on developing their mathematical skills in the following areas; addition, subtraction, fractions, multiplication and division. However, we will begin the year with Number Place Value.  There will be weekly mathematics homework that will aim to secure what has been taught in class throughout the week. If you would like any additional information, please get in touch! | ☺ Spot numbers around the house and when you’re out and about. Ask your child to compare the numbers – which is larger? Which is smaller? How many tens in the number? How many ones?  ☺Keep practicing the times tables! They should know their 2s, 5s and 10s from Year 2. In Year 3, we will be focussing on the 3 and 4 times tables. |
| Image result for scienceclip art b&wImage result for BIOLOGY clip art b&wMicroscope 20clipart | Clipart library - Free Clipart ImagesRelated image**Science**Image result for scienceclip art b&w | In Science, we are learning all about forces and magnets. We will be looking at how things move. We will discuss what it is to be ‘magnetic’ and complete an investigation to determine which types of materials are magnetic.  We will be learning about rocks, soils and fossils. We will find out about different types of rocks and how they form. We will be investigating the properties of rocks, making sure we complete a fair test. We will discover how fossils form and what they can tell us about the past. We will find out about an extraordinary woman called Mary Anning, whose love of fossil hunting led to a very important discovery. | ☺ Please encourage your child to visit the library or use the internet to find out more information about these topics. |
| **R.E.** | We will be exploring symbols used in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, finding what followers of these religions believe about God and how they show what is sacred to them. | ☺ Talk to your children about your own beliefs and what is special to you because of those beliefs. Look out for symbols (not just religious symbols) when you are out and about. |
| **Image result for fitness clip art b&wP.E.**  **Image result for fitness clip art b&w** | During our Monday lesson, we will be completing circuit training to improve our fitness and stamina. Our Wednesday lesson is our swimming lesson. After the October half term we will we will be learning the basic skills for net and wall games. | ☺Encourage your child to practise these skills at home. |
| **Creative Curriculum**  Related imageImage result for painting clipart b&w -zoneImage result for scissors clipart b&w -zoneImage result for hammer clipart b&w -zoneImage result for history  clipart b&w -zone | As geographers, we will be learning about rivers. We will locate some well-known rivers in England and look at the important rivers in our own county of Yorkshire. We will learn why rivers were important for transport and trade.  As historians, we will look at the transport we use today in our country and across the world. We will go back in time to explore transport and trade through different ages. We will look at how transport has shaped history. | ☺Research the differences between human geography and physical geography.    ☺Encourage your child to locate rivers using an atlas or globe.  ☺ Ask your child to think about how we travel to get from one place to another. Research how these modes of transportation have changed over time: trains, planes, automobiles. |
| Image result for music clipart b&w -zone**Music** | We will be learning new songs during our weekly Singing Assembly. Nearer to Christmas time we will also be learning some traditional Christmas songs. We are hoping to perform these at various times at school and in the community. | ☺Sing with your child whenever you can. Traditional songs, pop songs, religious songs – all will help them build their singing stamina and improve their tone and pitch. |
| http://users.wpi.edu/~mmurphy/images/spanish.png**Spanish** | This half term in Spanish we will be learning key words and phrases to say hello and describe how we are feeling. We will be able to ask how old somebody is and reply when asked. We will learn key words to tell who our family members are. We will begin practicing counting from 1 to 20 as well. | ☺There are lots of videos available on You tube that could be used to secure what we have been learning in class.  If you search for “Basho Spanish” on Youtube, you will find some fun songs that will help your child learn numbers, colours and family words. |
| **Computing**  Image result for computer coding clipart b&w -zone | Our first lessons will be related to Online Safety, where children will learn the importance of keeping their passwords and personal information safe. We will learn some simple coding and how to ‘de-bug’ our work. | If you search for ‘Hour of Code’ on the Internet, there are dozens of sites where your child can have fun while learning the basics of how computer programmes are written. The Disney ones are particularly good. |