

Our PE this Half Term

PE will be on **Wednesdays** for Year 3. They will start this term by continuing to hone their basketball skills. Your child should come dressed in their PE kit on this day ready to go outside in all weathers.

Religious Education and World Views

This half term children will learn about the Hindu festival of Holi! We will be exploring the concepts of good and evil, learning how these relate to our own lives.



How can you help at home?

Reading - Please continue to read with your children daily and check their understanding of content by asking questions. GoRead should show they are reading at home **at least** three times each week.

Maths - We are trying to earn our times tables badges. Please make this fun and memorable, we want those facts to stick in our brains. Please start by focus on 2, 5 and 10 x tables, then moving on to 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables.

Homework - Children will receive homework on a Thursday which is due in on the following Monday. Please ensure they set aside time to complete this. It will consist of spellings and a short English or Maths task.

Geography - This half term children will be using maps and atlases. Please take any opportunity to look at maps with your children before a walk or journey to see where they are going in relation to the actual place.

Dates for your Diary

Week commencing 6th Feb 2023 - Design and Technology Week.

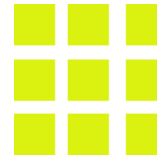
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb 2023 - HALF TERM.

Fri 16th & 24th March 2023 - Overnight trip to Novium Museum (TBC)

Fri 31st Mar 2023 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April 2023 - EASTER BREAK.

Please ensure that your child is reading at least three times a week and this is logged in Go read. One of these can be an independent read.



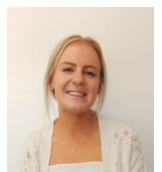
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Year 3 Team

Miss Boxell



Miss Troy



Miss Pitts



Mrs Hewison



Mrs Young



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we will be exploring the wonders of North America. We will link this learning to our English text 'Libba'. We are excited to explore the life of Libba Cotton and the place where she grew up! This is a true story about the life of Elizabeth Cotton, a musician from the USA. Through our Geography lessons we will enhance our locational knowledge by researching different countries in North America. We will build our geography skills through the use of atlases, maps, grid references and geographical language.

**With thanks,
The Year 3 Team**



Knowledge Organiser
'Striving for Excellence'



Year 3 - Spring 1 2023 - How can a continent contain so much variation?

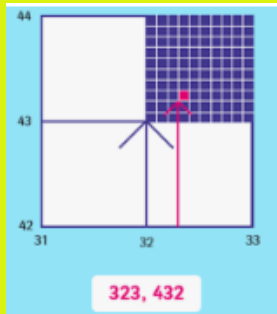
Important facts to know by the end of this topic:

North America is a **continent** made up of a number of **countries**.

The **United States of America** is a **country** located in **North America**.

Grid references can be used to locate places on a **map**. We will be using 4-figure grid references.

Ordnance Survey Symbols are used on maps to show the location of important places.



Key Skills



Skills and Fieldwork



Human Geography



Locational Knowledge

Key Vocabulary



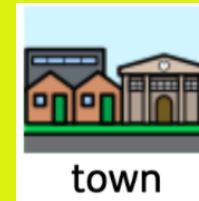
geography



continent



country



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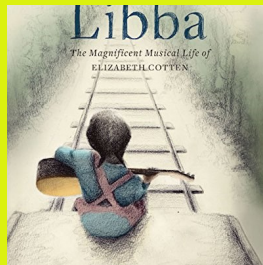
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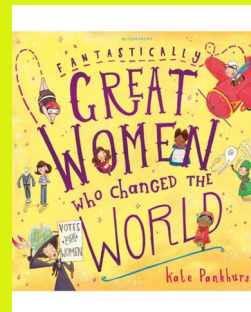
location

Our English this half term!

In English this half term we will be reading 'Libba', a beautiful picture book by Laura Viers all about the life of Elizabeth Cotton. We will start with descriptive writing which will lead up to writing a letter from the point of view of a character from the book. Following this, we will be writing to inform, leading to a biography all about Libba Cotton.



This term's books!



Our Mathematics this half term!

This half term, we are continuing our learning with multiplication and division. We will revisit the times tables focusing on the pattern between the 2, 4, and 8 times tables. We will learn new strategies to multiply and divide one and two-digit numbers, including grouping, sharing and grid method.

