Our PE this Half Term

PE will continue on Wednesday afternoons for Year 3. Please ensure children continue to wear their PE kits (suitable to the changing weather) in to school on these days. The focus this half term will be on movement and dance with a sporting theme!

Our Religious Education this Half Term

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Our RE focus this half term is around 'Good and Evil'. We will be learning about the Hindu festival of Holi and looking at how this term's concept impacts the world around us.

How can you help at home?

<u>Reading</u> - Please continue to read with your children daily and check their understanding of content by asking questions. Their reading records should show they are reading at home *at least* three times each week on the go read app. Please see a member of the team if you need help with this.

Maths - We are trying to earn our times tables badges! We will be giving the children the chance to earn these in school but please ask if you would like any sheets to practise at home. Some of the children are also struggling with counting across tens and hundreds so any home practise would really help to support this.

Homework - Children receive homework on a Friday which is due in on Wednesdays. It will consist of either an English task in their red book or pages in their new Maths book. The set pages will be written in the table in the back cover of the book. Please come and see us if your child needs any help with the homework tasks set - we are here to help.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th Jan 2024 - Mathematics Workshop for families - 3.30pm Tues 6th Feb 2024 - Safer Internet Day. Thurs 8th Feb 2024 - Valentines Disco. Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 - February Half Term. Thurs 7th March 2024 - WORLD BOOK DAY. Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.



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Year 3 Team

Miss Trov







Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2024! It is another exciting term full of new learning for the children with the exciting introduction of black handwriting pens! Now that the children are established in Key Stage 2, we feel it is time for them to move to the 'grown up' writing in pen for their English and curriculum learning (Maths will still be completed in pencil). We are also going to be having a big times tables focus this half term - we want as many children as possible to have their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x and 10x badges by the end of the school year. As always, if there is anything that we can do to help please just let us know.

With thanks. Year 3 Team.



Knowledge Organiser 'Striving for Excellence'



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Science



Appropriately for the Spring, our Science topic this half term is around focused plants and growing. The children will learn about the parts of flowering plants and observe how water is transported around them. We will then move into learnina about how plants reproduce and

pollination before finally linking back to our soil learning from earlier in the year to investigate how soil permeability affects a plant's growth.



Our English this half term!

This half term we will be studying the picture book 'Libba' which tells the story of the American musician Elizabeth Cotton.

The children will be mastering their handwriting by using a black pen for their writing and developing their sentence structures to include fronted adverbials.



<u>Art</u>

The children will continue to develop as artists with a focus on sculpture this half term. They will be using their carving skills to

reflect their knowledge of the first artists taking inspiration from the Iron Age masterpiece 'Lion Man'. They will then be using a mixed media approach in a local study responding to our natural environment on the island - we cant wait to see what masterpieces they will create!

This term's books!



Linking in with our English text, our music focus is going to be on American Folk songs. The children will develop their listening skills through exploring a range of

different traditional songs and improve their performance skills by learning how to play some of the songs on our brand new glockenspiels! We will be composing our own Blues songs and learning to sing

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songs such as 'This Old Man'. Watch out on social media where we will hopefully be able to share some performances!



Our Maths this half term!

Having secured the children's place value and calculations learning in the Autumn term, this half term we will move onto applying it through topics such as

length and perimeter and fractions. Knowledge of number bonds and times tables will really help this learning so please keep up the home practice!

