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## **Spring Term Curriculum Letter**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. As always, it is a very busy term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

Miss Kirby and I had a wonderful first term at Singleton. Thank you to our families for making us feel so welcome. Last term, the children worked so hard, I am sure this will continue for the rest of the academic year. Our intention is to make this term an exciting one, full of fantastic different learning opportunities which will engage the children and help them to develop and progress both academically and socially.

### Homework

Homework will recommence w/c 9<sup>th</sup> January. This will continue to be online homework and will be set every Friday on 'My Maths'. IDL should also be practiced weekly – all pupils have a password for this.

In addition, I would ask that all children read at least 3 times a week. Children are free to change their books when necessary. Whatever stage your child is at in reading please encourage reading for enjoyment.

Year 6 children will receive homework based on their booster classes.

### Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given on a Friday, with the children being tested the following Friday. I recommended children use the Look, cover, write, check technique to help them learn their spellings. Spellings will be given on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### Home Projects

We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's home projects so far. The effort and enthusiasm that they put in is outstanding. All children are aware of their project theme and the date it needs to be ready for.

## Recommended Homework Timetable

Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks (Please note with IDL and tables you don't have to do it all in one go – you can spread out over the week.)		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
5/6	35 – 45 mins per night	10 mins reading each night  (Independent readers at least 3 times a week)	My Maths	20 mins	Friday	Friday	Throughout the year the children will also have:-  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation projects on Science and Maths Topics</li> <li>For Year 6 additional Homework will be sent linked to SATs preparation and also to prepare them for the demands of High school</li> </ul>
			Literacy	30 mins	Friday	This might be IDL, home projects or a specific piece of work linked to what we have learnt in class that week.	
			Spelling	20 mins	Friday	Friday	

### X Factor

Our annual X-Factor Times Table competition will begin w/c 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please encourage your child to take part and help them learn their table facts at home. A separate letter with more information will be sent out.

### Year 6 SATs Boosters

SATs booster groups begin w/c 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We will run two sessions each week; Numeracy on a Monday and Literacy on a Tuesday. The sessions run from 3:00 – 4:15. Alongside the preparation done in class, these sessions will help prepare your child for their End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments. Pupils will receive numeracy and literacy homework each booster session – this needs to be completed and in school the following Monday or Tuesday.

Below I have outlined the different units covered in each curriculum area.

### Literacy

In Literacy, we are following a 'Teach through a text' approach. Class 3 will be given the opportunity to explore adventure-based narratives. They will look at features of adventure stories, leading them to writing their own. Later in the term, they will focus on biographies. Children will write in role, use thought bubbles and express through dialogue. Every child will be encouraged to write cursively, using their blue Berol handwriting pen. Spelling, punctuation and grammar work will be embedded throughout our literacy units.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy children will work across various areas of maths. We will begin with formal and mental methods for both multiplication and division. Fractions, decimals and percentages will also be covered as well as squared and cubed numbers. Later in the term we will cover 2D and 3D shapes, ratio and proportion, measures and problem solving.

### PE

Our PE day is on Tuesday. The first half of term we are focusing on a Gymnastic unit. This will take place in the school hall and children will need to be bare-foot. During the second half term, children will work through a tennis unit. This will take place outside.

Children **do not** need to bring their PE bag into school, they should come to school in their PE kit every Tuesday. PE kit consists of:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- A Singleton school jumper/cardigan
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced with black joggers or leggings)
- Trainers or pumps

Last term we saw a variation of jumpers and hoodies being worn on PE days. Singleton school jumpers or cardigans must only be worn over your child's PE t-shirt.

\*All earrings must be taken out before the PE day. Children must not wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they will be exempt from the lesson.

### Art and Design

Class 3 will investigate retro futuristic art. They will understand and explain what retro futurism is and apply this to their own artwork.

### French

Our unit is 'Eating out'. Children will broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words in a particular context.

### Humanities

Our humanities focus is Geography in the first half term, looking at protecting our environment. In the second half term, our focus will be History where children will study The Ancient Greeks.

### Computing

This half term children will explore two different units; spreadsheets and databases.

### Science

As part of our 'Growing up and Growing old' unit the children will learn about how humans develop from birth to old age. If possible, please send in a baby or toddler photograph of your child for us to use in our science lessons. During the second half of the term, children will move to our 'Evolution and Inheritance' unit. They will learn that living things change over time and that fossils provide us with information about living things from many years ago. We will also look at the link between adaptation and evolution.

### R.E

We will be exploring the question; Why do Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher? We will look at key messages from the bible and how these impact practicing Christians.

Our whole school worship is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We invite you to join us in this in our school hall at 9:00am.

### PSHE

Children will discuss how to keep themselves safe, in particular keeping safe when online.

### Fantastic Friday

This half term we are focusing on Computer Science. Children will design and debug specific programs.

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please note that children in Year 6 will not be allowed to wear their leavers hoody in school as this is not part of our school uniform. If children wish to wear their hoody in school, they may do so w/c 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023. During this week we will be celebrating all of the wonderful things that Year 6 have achieved.

### Library

Class 3 have really enjoyed visiting our school library. We tend to go to the library on a Friday, where children can return and choose a new book to take home.

Finally, a polite reminder to be prompt when dropping off and collecting pupils. Please ensure all children are accompanied by an adult at all times and dropped directly at the door where a face-to-face handover to a member of staff can take place (this includes kids club).

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I will be at the classroom door each morning and afternoon at drop-off and collection time.

Many Thanks

Mrs James