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Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new academic year. We have lots planned and I am looking forward to getting know the children.

Miss Kirby is our wonderful new HLTA who will be supporting children in class 3 each morning and some afternoons.

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. During COVID, we asked children to bring their own stationery to school. Children can continue to do this; however we do have pens and pencils in school for children to use if they want to.

At Singleton we hold Healthy School Status, therefore we kindly ask that children bring fruit for their morning snack. Water bottles should also be brought to school - children will have access to these throughout the day.

Homework

Homework will begin w/c 12th September. This will 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. Occasional Literacy homework will be set, again this will be sent out on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

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. Times tables tests and practise will also continue in addition to the above and children will be regularly tested in class.

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"> • Presentation projects on Science and Maths Topics • For Year 6 additional Homework will be sent linked to SATs preparation and also to prepare them for the demands of High school
			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	

Spellings - Spellings will be given out every Friday (starting Friday 16th September), children need to learn these at home using the Look, cover, write, check technique. They will be tested the following Friday.

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 journalistic writing. They will write recounts and reports from various points of view. Later in the term, they will focus on playscripts. As a class, we will read *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Following this, children will read and write character descriptions, setting descriptions and dialogue. Every child will practise cursive handwriting and be encouraged to take pride in their work. Pen must be used in literacy books. Spelling, punctuation and grammar work will be embedded throughout our literacy units.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, children will work across various areas of maths; number and place value, multiplication and division, handling data and fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will be working towards securing and applying basic skills and applying their knowledge to mental maths and challenges. I encourage all children to practise times tables – at school and home- and extend their knowledge to corresponding division facts. Your support with homework or extra work is always appreciated.

PE

Our PE day is on Tuesday. The first half of term children will focus on invasion games, in particular netball. During the second half term, children will work through a dance unit.

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
- Singleton school jumper/cardigan
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced with black joggers)
- Trainers or pumps

*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 self-portraits by a range of artists, they will use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media.

French

Holidays - Children will learn vocabulary needed to describe where they are going on holiday, where they are staying and how long they're staying. It also includes a variety of attractions they might encounter on holiday.

Humanities

Our humanities focus is Geography in the first half term, looking at the UK's global trade links and discovering where everyday products come from and the journeys they take to get to our homes. In the second half term, our focus will be History where children will study The Anglo-Saxons.

Computing

Children will continue to work on their coding skills, which will lead them to creating their own playable game.

Science

As part of our 'Let's get moving' unit the children will learn about forces and machines. They will start with the force of gravity then study friction forces, including air and water resistance, before investigating how simple machines work. During the second half of the term, children will move to our 'Healthy Bodies' unit. They will build on their knowledge about the main body parts and internal organs. They will explore the circulatory system and look at the impact lifestyle has on bodies.

R.E

We will be looking at 'Understanding Christianity', examining the importance of Holy Books in Christianity and other faiths. Later on in the term, children will delve deeper into the season of Advent, exploring how Christians prepare for Christmas.

PSHE

Children will explore themselves and their relationships.

Fantastic Friday

Class 3 are staying together for Fantastic Friday this term. We will complete a design and technology topic. During the first half term, children will design a stuffed toy and make decisions on materials, decorations and attachments. During the second half of the term, we will focus on enterprise where children will learn about the role that money plays in their own and others' lives.

We have our library up and running here at Singleton. Children will be given the opportunity throughout the week to visit the library and choose a 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