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Autumn Term 2024 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 working with the children this 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.

Staff: Miss Kirby is our wonderful HLTA who will be supporting children in Class 3 each morning and will teach our Class every Tuesday afternoon.

Snacks

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. Please can children not bring Stanley style cups into school as we only have a small space to store water bottles in the classroom.

Homework

Homework will begin w/c 9th 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.

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.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out every Friday (starting Friday 13th September), children need to learn these at home using the Look, cover, write, check technique. A spelling quiz will also be set on Purple Mash. They will be tested in school 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 based on The Three Little Pigs. 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 analyse 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 Thursday. 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 Thursday. PE kit consists of:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- Singleton PE Hoody
- Red shorts or black joggers/leggings
- No cycling shorts
- 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 take a non-active role in the lesson. If your child wants to get their ears pierced, please consider doing this at the start of the summer holidays to avoid them missing out on physical education.

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

Verbs - children will be able to identify verbs in the infinitive form in French. They will also recognise and use different subject pronouns in French and will understand that a verb ending changes depending upon the person to whom it is referring.

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 'Histor'y 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. They will further develop how to explore and use the internet safely.

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. They will reflect on their friendship skills and what they can do to support and include others.

Fantastic Friday

Our first Fantastic Friday unit is Lego Mindstorms. The children will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. They will use the Lego kits to explore the effects of changing variables in models and stimulations in order to solve a problem. During the second half of the term, our Fantastic Friday is a design and technology unit. Pupils will design and create a bridge structure.

Home Projects

Our home projects will begin after the October half term break. A sticker will be placed inside your child's reading diary with their topic and date they will deliver the home project. Our theme for home project is 'Science'.

Class worship

We invite families of our children in Class 3 to join us for worship on Monday 30th September. I will talk to parents before the worship about our trip to Tower Wood.

Our library has had a makeover and is full of wonderful new books. Children will be given the opportunity to visit the library on a Wednesday.

Finally, a polite reminder to be prompt when dropping off and collecting pupils. Our school day starts at 8:40am and ends at 3:15pm. If you are unable to collect your child at 3:15pm then you must book them into Acorns - Kids Club. 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 Acorns - Kids Club).

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We have an open-door policy at the end of the school day where I am available to talk. Alternatively, email the school office who will forward your query to me.

Many Thanks

Mrs James