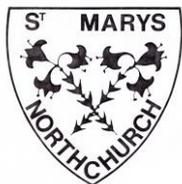


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Dear Families of Year 3,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half term break. Thank you for your support last term, especially for playing your part to enthuse the children on our topic of Volcanoes. The children produced some fabulous work. They experienced many opportunities to work as part of a team and to share their individual skills and talents with each other.

We have lots of fun activities and events happening this half term too, including World Book Day. We will also be making our own healthy sandwiches in Design and Technology and creating our Mothering Sunday and Easter cards.

Our whole school topic this half term is '*Famous faces*'. The topic will be taught primarily through History where the children will be looking at the life of key figures from Ancient Egypt. We will be writing reports, in particular newspaper reports and we will also work as a class to create a biography of either King Tutankhamen or Cleopatra. We will also be focusing on practising and reinforcing joined-up handwriting as this is a requirement of the Year 3 curriculum, which some children are finding difficult. Please encourage your child to join their letters neatly when you help them with their homework.

Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. This quick recall of known number facts will help to improve speed and accuracy of mental methods and are well worth continuing at home when you have a spare minute! This half term in Maths, we will be continuing with securing these mental skills, consolidating their 3,4 and 8 times tables. We will continue to practise counting forwards and backwards in 4s, 50s and tenths. We will be learning to tell the time to the nearest minute. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to tell the time themselves. We will also look at shape, space and measure, including capacity, perimeter and nets. All the learning will be consolidated and assessed in problem solving lessons.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you (Luke 6:310)



In science this half term we will continue to follow our 'Animals including humans' topic with a focus on human diets and healthy eating. This links in nicely with our Design and Technology topic of 'Making Sandwiches

PE:

We will continue to have outdoor PE on Tuesdays as well as swimming on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that your child has **warm, winter outdoor PE kits** in school at all times including trainers as we try to go outside wherever possible.

READING:

Please continue to read with your child at home. This half term, we will be continuing to improve fluency and expression in reading, but the focus will be particularly on inference and 'reading between the lines'. It would be much appreciated if you could ask your children to make predictions of the story and then ask questions to check their understanding of what they have read.

For guided reading, we will all be looking at non-fiction books, focusing on the features and presentation.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns or questions, please use your Home-School Link books to communicate any messages and then remind your child to hand it in to me or arrange to see myself.

There will also be an opportunity to meet to discuss your child's progress at Parent Consultations this half term on Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April. Open classrooms will be on Thursday 28th March, as is our class assembly.

Best Wishes,

Miss Groves

An overview of learning for this half term in Year 3

Understanding English, Communication and languages <i>(Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</i>	Mathematical Understanding	Religious Education
<p>As a class we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians we will write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character descriptions. <p>-Non-Fiction – We will be writing our own reports on what has happened in the story.</p> <p>-A class biography of a key figure from Ancient Egypt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - counting in 4s, 50s, tenths. - 3, 4 and 6 and 8 x tables. -mental and written strategies for multiplication. - Telling the time -finding equivalent fractions. - measures, including capacity and weight - shape and space- nets of 3D shapes. - solving money word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 	<p>In R.E. this half term the focus will be on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and Easter. We will be learning about Salvation.</p>
Scientific and Technological Understanding <i>(Science, Design & Technology)</i>	Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding <i>(PSHE, History, Geography)</i>	Computing
<p>This term, we will continue to learn about Animals including Humans with a focus on healthy eating and diet for humans.</p>	<p>The children will learn about The Ancient Egyptians. We will learn about the history of the ancient civilisation, the key figures and how they have made an impact on modern day life.</p>	<p>Computing will follow the Herts Scheme and this half term we will continue to look at 'Developing Communication'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We will also research the life of key Ancient Egyptian figures using the internet.
Understanding physical Development, health and wellbeing. <i>(Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</i>	Understanding the Arts <i>(Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Outdoor Games will be taught this term by 'Game On'. -Swimming 	<p>This half term we will be looking at the repeating pattern artwork of Escher. We will be creating our own patterns after learning about the style of work.</p> <p>In Design and Technology, we will be learning the skills to design and create healthy sandwiches.</p> <p>We will also be creating our Mothering Sunday and Easter cards.</p> <p>We will continue to have lessons provided by Herts Music Service.</p>	