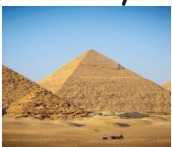


Year 3 Curriculum Information Spring Term 2016

Welcome back to Middlefield and a new term in Holly class. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term.

Literacy 	This term the children will be exploring a range of topics covering fiction and non-fiction writing. The children will start the term learning all about Explanation texts, exploring the features of such texts before creating their own. The children will have the chance to invent their very own machine before writing a piece to explain how to use it. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity for more descriptive writing based on the book <i>Leon and the Place Between</i> by Angela McAllister. It is a magical book about a boy who goes to the circus with great illustrations throughout.
Numeracy 	Throughout the term the children will have a numeracy lesson every day. In addition to this, children will have regular arithmetic lessons to practise those mental maths skills. Children will start the term by revisiting place value in the context of mental addition and subtraction. Following this they will then be learning all about fractions, including finding fractions of numbers. Later on in the term they will also be looking at measures, including volume, capacity and mass. There will also be opportunities in shared learning areas for children to encounter maths problems within an everyday-life context.
Science 	In science this term the children will be learning all about rocks. The children will be exploring different kinds of rocks and comparing them based on their features and characteristics. They will also be learning about how rocks are formed. After half term, the children will be learning about plants. They will be exploring the characteristics of plants including their functions and what they need to survive.
History 	This term the children are learning all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children will be looking at how and when these groups of people invaded Britain and how they influenced the way we live. The children will be comparing life of an Anglo Saxon or a Viking child to themselves.
ICT 	This term the children will be looking into algorithms and programming. The children will be busy planning sequences of instructions for a programmable robot and later in the term they will be able to use a programme called Scratch, where they will learn all about programming.
Design and Technology 	This term the children will be working with a range of materials to create Anglo Saxon brooches. They will be using lots of tools to create intricate detail whilst working accurately. The children will make sure they have step by step plans to follow and they will also ensure they evaluate their finished work.
Art	Year 3 will be focusing on drawing portraits of Anglo Saxon and Viking people. They will be using differing grades of pencils to achieve different effects on their drawings. Their challenge will

	be to include facial expression in their portraits.
Physical Education 	During this term Year 3 will have one PE lesson a week and will be covering Hockey, fitness and cross country. The children will be working on the key skills involved in these sports and they will also be working on their teamwork skills. The children will also have a chance to consider the importance of a healthy lifestyle and the impact that physical exercise can have on our overall health. Later in the term, Year 3 will also have dance with Miss Johnson.
Religious Education 	This term the children's RE lessons will be intricately linked with their history topic of the 'Anglo Saxons and Vikings'. The children will learn all about the many different gods and goddesses that both groups worshipped, alongside the conversion to Christianity that occurred during this period. They will learn all about the fundamentals of the Christian belief.
Homework 	In Maths the children will be using Maths Whizz. Children should aim to complete a minimum of 60 minutes a week in sessions of between 20-30 minutes. Literacy homework will be sent home weekly and will be based around the unit of work that the children are currently studying. Teachers will spend time explaining what the children are expected to do each week. The homework is expected to be of a high standard. Blogs will be expected to be completed weekly. This is a chance for the children to tell us what they do out of school. Teachers may also set blog homework as a class, asking the children to investigate certain things. The children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Their homelink books need to be handed in every Friday to be checked. Thank you.