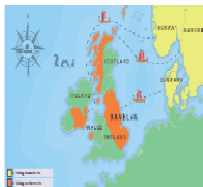
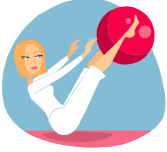


Year 3 Curriculum Information - Summer Term 2018

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 	Year 3 literacy this term will start with persuasive writing. We will use the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' to link to this term's topic and provide inspiration for the children's writing. The children will look at persuasive writing in different formats, including TV and print adverts, leaflets and brochures. The children will use these mediums to learn about the features and techniques used in persuasive texts. The children will develop and vary their sentence structures and we will focus on punctuation, particularly the use of commas and to separate clauses. The children will continue to master their independent drafting, proof-reading, editing and improving skills.
Numeracy 	The children will continue to have a maths lesson every day. During the Summer Term we revisit many of the topics we have already covered. We start by building on our written multiplication skills before moving on to addition and subtraction. Later in the term we will look at money and other measurement including adding and subtracting decimals using measurements. We will also be working with data and statistics, using pictograms, bar charts and tables. Throughout our topics we will apply our knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving activities to help deepen understanding.
Science 	First, we will complete our rocks topic by classifying rocks using their properties and looking at the links between rocks and volcanoes. We will then move on to look at plants, introducing the relationship between structure and function and the idea that every part of the plant has a job to do. The children will also be learning to identify and describe the functions of different parts of the plant.
Geography 	The children's geography this term will be linked to our new topic: South America. The children will create a fact file about a South American country of their choice and research a wide variety of geographical aspects. They will also make comparisons between villages, towns and cities, considering why people might choose to live in particular locations. We will also be learning about the Amazon Rainforest and the animals and plants found there.
ICT 	This term the children will be using the laptops to help with their geography research and to present information. The children will continue to use Scratch to programme characters to follow commands and sequences. The children will also work in groups to produce podcasts about an aspect of their work in the outside ICE zone.

Design and Technology 	The children will be designing and creating a colourful South American carnival headdress. They will also have the opportunity to make a tropical fruit salad using some fruits that come from South America.
Art 	The children's art will be linked to our South America topic. They will develop their printing techniques creating designs using rainforest plants. They will also create art in the bold and vivid style of South American artist Gustavo Ortiz.
Physical Education 	During this term Year 3 will have PE on a Tuesday morning with Mr Franco. In PE the children will be covering a variety of sports including athletics. They will be working on key skills and developing their teamwork. In addition, the children will also benefit from a visiting cricket coach on a Thursday afternoon as well as a Zumba session on a Monday afternoon. It is very important that children have their PE kits in school every day as activities can change.
Homework 	In Maths the children will continue to use Maths Whizz. Children should complete a minimum of 60 minutes a week in sessions of between 20-30 minutes. Literacy homework will be sent home each week on (or before) Thursday and will normally link into what we have been doing in class. Children should spend about 40 minutes on this and hand their homework in on a Monday. We will also continue to send home spellings each week to help the children develop this important skill. The children are expected to read regularly at home. Reading is enormously beneficial for their development as both readers and writers. Adults need to sign Homelink books to confirm that children have read at least 3 times during a week. Homelink books must be handed in every Friday for checking. Thank you for your continued support with these activities.

We are looking forward to a busy, exciting and sunny term!