

13th January 2012

YEAR 3/4S, 3/4HK & 3/4HM TOPIC LETTER

Dear Parents,

Outlined below is the curriculum your child is following this term. We hope that it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways in which you can support them at home.

ENGLISH: We will be studying a variety of genres initially studying stories set in imaginary settings. We will also be developing study skills, focusing on note-taking, looking at the features of reference/information books, identifying key phrases and scanning and writing precis.

MATHEMATICS: As part of the Numeracy strategy the children will have daily mental arithmetic, practising tables, counting in multiples of 10, dealing with large numbers, ordering and rounding, reading from scales, understanding positive and negative numbers, money, telling the time, kilograms and grams, areas of rectangles, solid shapes, direction/compass points, fractions and simple decimals and data handling.

HISTORY: We are continuing for the first half term with our topic on World War II, looking particularly at the aspect it had on children in other parts of the world, including the young Jewish girl, Anne Frank. After half term we will be starting our topic on Ancient Greeks.

ART: The art curriculum will be partly linked to other subject areas. The children will be using a variety of media, practising skills such as sketching and painting. We will be needing any pictures illustrating chairs i.e. old catalogues, magazines etc. And then design and make their own chair.

MUSIC: The children will continue their programme of singing, adding simple accompaniments and listening to a variety of music.

P.E.: Swimming 3/4HM and 3/4HK - The children are grouped according to ability and will be working on strokes and techniques, working towards certificates. 3/4S will be doing outdoor games.

R.E.: This term we will continue to follow the new Diocesan Primary RE Syllabus from Rochester.

Jesus the teacher – focusing on different parables.

Easter: Maundy Thursday – foot washing. Holy Communion and Remembering Jesus.

I.C.T.: The children will be developing their keyboard skills. In addition, we will be looking at branching databases and collecting and presenting information on screen. We will also be making use of Fronter and encourage the children to use this at home too.

SCIENCE: Friction - We will be looking at forces, using force meters, weighing in Newton's, looking at various surfaces and discussing friction, water and air resistance. We will also be looking at and creating simple electrical circuits and discussing the benefits and dangers of electricity.

GEOGRAPHY: We will be studying villages with particular emphasis on our closest village, Bexley. We will also be looking at the effect of early settlers in this country.

FRENCH: We will be using the programme Tout le Monde focusing on animals, colours, numbers, days of the week and dates to develop their vocabulary

Yours sincerely,

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