

This half-term, we are learning...



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English DICK KING SMITH The head the second secon	We will read the stories 'Hodgeheg' & 'The Day the Giant Stirred.' The children will write a character description & a new sequel for the Hodgeheg. We will look at effective adjectives & recap nouns & verbs. We will begin to look at writing speech within a story & using the correct punctuation.	Continue to give your child opportunities to read at least three times per week. Find out some facts about hedgehogs.
Maths	We will spend 2 weeks reviewing work from Year 2: place value, number bonds, addition & subtraction, as well as multiplication & division. We will then start the Year 3 curriculum, beginning with place value. We will learn how to measure perimeter before looking at more formal methods for addition & subtraction.	Practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s & 10s. Can you write your own word problems for the 2, 5 & 10 times tables? Spend time on 'studio' & 'garage' in Times Tables Rock Stars.
Science – Chemistry	In science, we will be learning about rocks & soils. We will identify different types of rock & classify them. We will find out about fossils & investigate soils. We will find out about the life of Mary Anning.	Go on a rock hunt – do all rocks look the same? Can you describe the rocks you find? Find out about the White Cliffs of Dover.
History	We will be learning about the Stone Age by investigating the following questions: • When was the Stone Age? • How did people live in the Stone Age? • How did early man communicate? • Why was Skara Brae important?	Think about living in the Stone Age: • What would you miss the most? • How is life different to now? Find out about food & create a Stone Age menu.
Computing	We will be following the Coding Unit on Purple Mash. The coding lessons in these units are structured around the 'PRIMM' approach: Predictwhat this code will do; Runthe code to check your prediction; Investigatelook through the code to see if you were correct; Modifythe code to add detail, change actions/outcomes; Makea new program that uses the same ideas in a different way. Get creative!	Log on to 2 Code on Purple Mash & look at the activities (let your teacher know if you need a reminder of your child's login).

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RE	What do Christians believe about Jesus? This is the question that we will be able to answer by the end of the unit. We will look at the miracles Jesus performed & at some of the parables in the Bible. We will then create a stained glass window to show parts of Jesus's life.	Find examples of stained glass windows in your local area: What do they show? How could you describe them? What colours do they incorporate?
PE	In PE, we will be learning about football. We will develop passing, dribbling & shooting skills. We will also look at problem solving within PE where the focus is on applying tactics & understanding what makes an effective team.	Find out about a famous football player or football team. Play football with a friend/parent or guardian. PE day: Monday.
Music	In Year 3, children will have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele with Mr Henderson from Durham Music Service – he will teach each class fortnightly. In the other week, we will develop skills in playing the glockenspiel & look at the question, 'How does music bring us closer together?'	Listen to some different styles of music – how many beats can you count? What instruments can you hear?
Art	We will study the artist Emily Carr, learning about her life, as well as looking at & discussing similarities & differences between some of her key works of art. We will use her pieces as inspiration for developing our skills in using oil pastels.	Look at different landscapes by other artists. Is there a style that you like the best? Look for artists that have used oil pastels to create their art work.
French	This half-term we will start to learn French. We will cover greetings & learn how to ask, 'What is your name?' & how to reply.	Ask your child to teach you how to ask: 'What is your name?' & to reply. Encourage them to ask family members their name & say hello & goodbye to them.
PSHE	In PSHE this half-term we will be learning all about health & wellbeing. We will look at healthy choices, identifying feelings – as well as how to talk about them – &, finally, think about how to develop healthy habits.	Keep a food/water/exercise/sleep record for a week. How could you make improvements to be healthier?

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