

Curriculum newsletter 3S and 3BS

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Our topic this half term is Urban Pioneers

English

How can you help your child in English?

Here are some great ideas:

- ★ Read regularly with your child and encourage them to read on their own if they are already an independent reader.
- ★ Talk to your child about the book they are reading, are they enjoying it? Support them to explain what they are enjoying about the book and try to compare books by the same author to explore the writing style of that author
- ★ Focus on word types and ask your child to select the noun, verb, adjective, adverb and conjunction in the sentence you have just read. This will reinforce the grammar learning at school.
- ★ Talk to your child about what type of book they are reading. For example, is it a fiction book or a non-fiction book? Explore the contents page and index for non-fiction and characters, paragraphs and chapters for fiction books.

Maths

To support your child with their maths here are some great ideas:

Children must know their 2,3,4,5 and 10 tables by the end of Year 3 so any chance to recite them with your child is great. Not just 3×4 but 4×3 and $12 \div 3 = 4$ and $12 \div 4 = 3$. Children learn well to music so a tables CD is an excellent idea, or try and find some songs on the internet on You Tube. A times tables CD is an excellent Christmas present.

Try adding the numbers up on car registration plates, or multiplying them by two or three. So BL15XYM can be used for $1+5=6$, $15 \times 2 = 30$, $15 \times 3 = 45$.

Look for numbers all around you and see if they are odd or even. Remember even numbers end in 2,4,6,8,and 0. While odd numbers end in 1,3,5,7,and 9.

Look for shapes in the environment. So windows that are square and road signs that are circular. How many can you spot as you walk around?

Talk to your child as you shop. If I buy this tin of beans how much change will I get from £1?

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the autumn term where our learning will be based on our Urban Pioneers topic. This is a super half term full of exciting opportunities for the children. We will be studying the urban environment and have lots of super home learning ideas you can try with your child.

The children will also be learning about grid references and how to read maps. If you have any maps of the local area we would love to see them.

Topic

Our Science learning will be based around the topic of Light and how it travels. We will be looking at shadows and how they are formed, as well as carrying out some investigations on shadows and their length.

In Geography we will be studying grid references and how they help us to read maps.

In design and technology we will be designing and building our own houses.

PE sessions

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays for 3BS and on Thursdays and Fridays for 3S. Please ensure your child has a full labelled PE kit in school on these days. As the weather gets cooler tracksuit bottoms are permitted in blue or black.

Unlocking the learning at home....we are looking forward to receiving some fantastic examples of home learning. Fabulous examples of home learning are always on display in the main entrance and for any of the children who need resources to complete their home learning we can help out with supporting this. Please ask your child's class teacher if you would like support with ideas or resources for home learning; we believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home.