

Curriculum newsletter 3BS and 3S

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## Our topic this half term is Urban Pioneers

### Maths

This half-term, your child will be developing their multiplication and division skills. We will be showing them how to use the formal method for both of these skills and would greatly appreciate your help with any homework linked to this.

Not only will we be learning the formal method, we will continue to develop mental recall of the times tables as this is really important. Please continue to support your child with these through songs or constant repetition.

Times Tables to focus on:

Begin by recapping the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

Move onto the 3 times table followed by the 4s and 8s.

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term where our learning will be based around the topic: Urban Pioneers.

This is a super half term full of exciting opportunities for the children. We will be studying the urban environment and have lots of art based activities that the children will thoroughly enjoy.



### 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.
- ★ 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 and paragraphs and chapters for fiction books.
- ★ In writing, the children will be exploring different text types and producing their own diary entries, newspaper reports and persuasive pieces.

### PE sessions

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit and that their kit is clearly labelled.

### Forest School

Forest School will continue for both classes. Please ensure that they have their Forest School kit in school and that they have suitable clothing and footwear.

### 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, as well as continuing to develop map skills by identifying cities.**

**In Design and Technology we will be exploring architects and architecture. We will then design and build our own 3D buildings.**

**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 either in the class or in the main entrance. 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.