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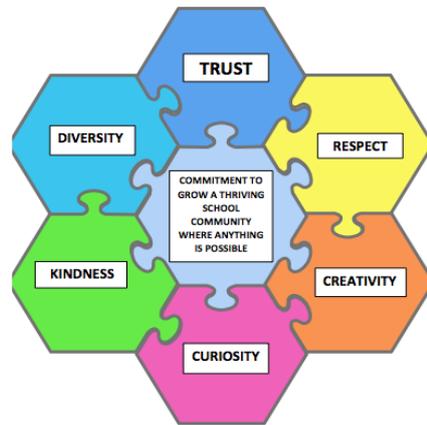
Mrs Preece, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Essex and Mrs Jones



Believe in world of possibilities

Year 3's Learning News

BPS values - This half term we are focusing on kindness and respect. Linking it to our Jigsaw topic by thinking about how to respect differences and treat everyone with kindness. In Anti-bullying fortnight, diversity is one of the main areas of thinking.



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What we will be learning...with top learning tips

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Fri 3rd Bingo Night**
- ◆ **Weds 8th Nov – PHOTO DAY!**
- ◆ **Thurs 16th Nov – Parent Learning Session - Maths**
- ◆ **Thurs 16th Nov – Children In Need Cake Stall**
- ◆ **Fri 17th Nov – Non-uniform day – suggested donation of £1.**
- ◆ **7th – 17th Nov 'Anti-Bullying fortnight'**
- ◆ **Friday 24th November- Christmas Fair**
- ◆ **Thursday 30th Nov- parents evening**
- ◆ **Friday 1st December- non-pupil day for parent consultations**
- ◆ **Tues 5th December Year 3 Egyptian Day**
- ◆ **Thurs 7th Dec - Panto to parents**
- ◆ **Tuesday 12th December Y3,4,5,6 Christmas parties**
- ◆ **Weds 13th Dec - HOT Christmas lunch**
- ◆ **Last day of term Friday 15th December at 2pm.**

Reading... In Guided Reading we will be learning about different fiction and non-fiction texts, and furthering our comprehension skills. We will explore the features of instructions and discuss their impact on the reader. Through fiction texts we will focus our inference skills and predict what might happen next.

Learning Top Tip – Use a **dictionary** to help with spellings and meanings of words and also expand your vocabulary by using a **thesaurus** to find alternative words.

Maths... We will be reinforcing and extending our number skills: place value, number bonds, addition and subtraction during this half term. Alongside this, daily practice of our times tables will be happening. We will be making sure we are secure in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning the 3, 4's and 8x tables. This term will also be full of problem solving, learning new skills and investigations. We shall be moving the children onto fractions and measure including time.

Learning Top Tip – When learning 4 x tables remember it is double the 2 x table So, if $3 \times 2 = 6$, then $3 \times 4 = 12$. Double 6 = 12.

GRAMMAR -Curriculum expectations, which children need to know and be able to apply in their writing and reading: **prepositions, conjunctions, word families, prefixes, clauses, direct speech, using 'a' and 'an', inverted commas (or 'speech marks')**. We will also focus on being descriptive in our writing and using well-chosen adjectives to interest the reader.

Learning Top Tip – carefully read back what you have written and edit your writing by asking yourself: **'Does this make sense?', 'Can I use a more powerful word?', 'Is my writing interesting to the reader?'**

What we will be learning...



The children enjoyed a fantastic trip to New Barn Farm to enhance their learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age

'Being successful is not about resources but about being resourceful with what you have.'

Tony Robbins

If you have been to Egypt and have any photographs of the pyramids or souvenirs you are happy to share with us, we would be very grateful.

History- We began our Ancient Egyptians topic with a re-enactment of the opening of Tutankhamun's tomb. We shall be exploring this ancient civilization by studying artefacts found in the tombs and thinking about what they tell us about how the people lived. We shall be comparing this to our own chronological era of the Bronze Age.

Art and DT - Art and DT will be linked to our history, science and RE topics.

RE - Hinduism.

PE - In outdoor P.E we will be focusing on our football skills. Chilcombe B will have indoor P.E. on Wednesday afternoons and Chilcombe A will continue swimming on Fridays.

Jigsaw (PSHCE) -Our topic this term is 'Celebrating Difference'

Music - We will be listening to and appreciating the music of Handel in November and Tchaikovsky in December. We will also be singing throughout the term.

Science- Our topic this half term is **Animals including humans**. This includes studying nutrition, bones, muscles and the human skeleton. We will launch this topic during our 2 science days on 15th and 16th November.

Science Days 15th and 16th November

During our science days we will be immersing the children in our new topic. There will be lots of activities, tests and investigations for the children develop and use their science skills.

If you would like to come on either of these days, for part or all of the day we would welcome you along to join in the fun. Extra hands are always a useful and it will be a benefit to the children.

6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

Resourceful

This half term we will be focusing on **resourcefulness**. The children will be encouraged to draw on their existing skills and knowledge to help further their learning and face challenges positively. We will be thinking about all the resources we have available to us that might help with our learning.

Home Learning ideas...

This half term we are learning about Ancient Egyptians. This is always a favourite year 3 topic. Find out as much as you can by reading books or asking parents to help with research (there are lots of good websites for children such as BBC Bitesize or Woodlands Junior.)

Perhaps you might also like to try...

- "Try to build your own pyramid with lego or building blocks. What maths does this involve?" asks Mrs Rowe.
- Mrs Preece says, "make up a new game, maybe a maths based game, and write some instructions for how to play it."
- "Look at pictures of Ancient Egyptians, find out what they wore, how they styled their hair, what jewellery they wore was like," suggests Mrs Essex.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...inc CHILDREN IN NEED

I just wanted to remind you about Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. We are inviting everyone in school wear their own clothes on this day and bringing in a donation to raise as much money as possible. Also, there will also be a cake stall at the end of the school day on **THURSDAY 16th Nov** - please get baking at home and bring in your cake donations in the morning.