



Year 3 Half-Termly Letter

Spring term: January - February 2010

We will be looking at these subjects in our topic work	<u>Literacy work</u>	<u>Numeracy work</u>	What you can do to help your child
<p><u>History focus:</u> This term the children will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. They will be finding out who they were and where and how they lived. They will be studying the Greek gods and goddesses and will be learning about the myths and legends associated with them. We will also be studying Greek art and pottery and we will examine the Olympics.</p> <p><u>Art:</u> The children will explore Greek art and pottery. Any traditional pieces of Greek art would be very gratefully received.</p> <p><u>Science:</u> In science we will be looking at materials and their uses. We study why we use certain materials for particular jobs, how to describe different materials and we will plan and carry out a variety of investigations.</p> <p><u>Diary dates:</u> Trip to visit the Mayor of Richmond Thursday 7th January Class Assembly - Thursday 14th January</p>	<p><u>Text level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiction - Greek myths and legends. • Identifying recurring themes and characters within myths and legends. • Writing our own myths and legends to explain phenomenon. • Non-fiction - we will continue with our work on following and writing instructions. <p><u>Sentence level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be looking at sentence construction, punctuation, grammar and handwriting. • We will be working on using adjectives and connectives effectively in our own writing. <p><u>Word level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be practising for weekly spelling assessments. <p>Please continue to read with your child & record this in the reading diary provided. Please hear your child read regularly- 5-10 minutes, every night is ideal, where possible.</p> <p>Spelling tests are every Friday. New spellings are given on a Friday. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings, ideally for a few minutes every night.</p>	<p>Children will continue to work in set numeracy groups. Over the term they will work on number patterns and sequences, place value, mental calculation strategies and understanding +, -, x & ÷. We will also be learning about fractions, money, measures, data handling, shape and measures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other areas:</u></p> <p><u>R.E:</u> We will be exploring signs and symbols in religion.</p> <p><u>P.E:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The children will have gymnastics every Tuesday in the hall. ✚ On Friday's we will be going outside for Games. ✚ Pupils will need a <u>change of footwear</u> (suitable for outdoors), a <u>plastic bag</u> and warm sports wear, during the cold weather. 	<p>Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.</p> <p>➤ Please continue to use local libraries for books and resources about the Ancient Greeks. The children's interest in last term's topic was excellent and many children thoroughly enjoyed talking to the class about books they had found. Any relevant books or artefacts would be gratefully received and looked after. It would be useful if you could label anything your child brings in.</p> <p>➤ Pupils will continue to have regular homework. This will consist of one piece of work for numeracy and a weekly spelling list. They will also have a piece of work to complete relating to literacy. Both pieces are given out every Friday and are both due in the following Thursday.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher.</p>