



Year 3 Half-Termly Letter
Autumn term: October - December 2011

| We will be looking at these subjects in our topic work | Literacy work | Numeracy work | What you can do to help your child |
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| <p><u>Geography focus:</u> This term the children will continue to learn about Africa, focusing on Kenya & Kericho. They will be studying how life in Africa differs to their own lives. They will become familiar with the term sustainability and learn about the impact of farming in Africa.</p> <p><u>Art:</u> We will continue to look at traditional African pattern making and will use our observations to create our own designs for tie-dye t-shirts.</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Diary dates</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">W/C – 7th November- Arts week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W/C – 21st November- Parents evening</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 1st Class Assembly</p> | <p><u>Text level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance poetry • Writing instructions • Non fiction texts <p><u>Sentence level:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be looking at sentence construction, punctuation, grammar and handwriting. <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 Wednesday. New spellings are provided every Friday. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings, ideally for a few minutes every night.</p> <p><u>Homework</u> will continue to go home in the children's <u>newly covered homework books</u>.</p> | <p>Over the term the children will work on number patterns and sequences, place value, mental calculation strategies and understanding of +, -, x & ÷.</p> <p>We will also be learning about fractions, money, measures and data handling. Please could you encourage your child to learn their times tables.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other areas:</u></p> <p><u>D&T:</u> We will be looking at healthy food and will focus on sandwich making.</p> <p><u>R.E:</u> We will be exploring gifts and giving taking part in the charity work 'Operation Christmas Child' where the children will fill a shoe box to be delivered to a child who might otherwise not receive a present at Christmas.</p> <p><u>P.E:</u> The children continue dance every Monday in the hall.</p> <p>On Fridays we will be going to the recreation park for Rugby. Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school on these days.</p> <p><u>Pupils will need suitable outdoor footwear for rugby & a plastic bag.</u></p> <p>☺ <u>Parent helpers:</u> Parent helpers are always very much appreciated and greatly benefit the children in gaining extra reading practice. I would be delighted to have any parents who would be able to spare a small amount of time each week to listen to pupils read.</p> | <p>Thank you for all the lovely African objects and books that have been brought in so far.</p> <p>➤ Please continue to use local libraries for books and resources about Africa and particularly Kenya and Kericho.</p> <p>➤ The children will continue to have regular homework that will go home in their newly covered homework books. Weekly homework will include; 1 piece of maths, a list of spellings to learn with a sentence for 5 words and a literacy or topic task.</p> <p>I look forward to meeting with you soon.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p> |