



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be sharing details of what your children will be learning about this half term and look forward to working with you.

Attached are RKE sheets for Science, Computing, History and RE. Please look through these with your child. The Remember section is what your child should remember based on previous work they have completed. If they are not sure, we will help them with some pre-teaching. This may include some work to do at home to ensure that they are ready to access their learning.

This half term our learning is looking exciting!

In Reading, we are going to look at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in order to develop our reading skills. We will still be visiting VIPERS each week however we are going to spend additional time during our retrieval practice focusing on inference and summarising as these are the areas we need to grow in confidence.

In Writing, we are continuing our non-fiction writing about sports. Then, will progress on to learn the different grammar and structure techniques that we can use when writing diaries and recounts.

In Maths, we will begin learning about multiplication and division, we will be revisiting what multiplication and division is and what these symbols mean. Having learnt their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2. We will learn our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will then move on to length and perimeter towards then end of the half term.

In Science, we are going learn about light. We will recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will explore different surfaces and investigate which ones are reflective. We will recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and we will learn how to keep ourselves and our eyes protected. recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object and we will research and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows changes when the distance of the object from the light source is changed.

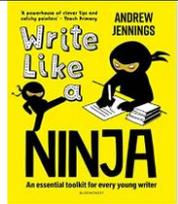
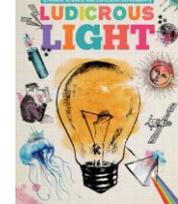
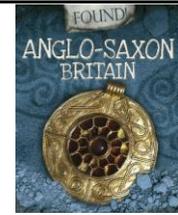
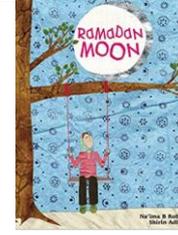
In RE, we are learning about what Ramadan is. We will learn about how this is a special time of year for the Islamic faith and why they choose to fast during Ramadan as well as how they celebrate this special time with their friends and family. We will then move on to learning about the Sikh Langar and about how it a way of showing charity by feeding others.

In History, we are learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons and about how they invaded and settled in England. We will also learn about different Viking and Anglo-Saxon settlements in England.

Our PE day is Tuesday (fitness), pupils to come to school in their PE kit.

Our Forest School slot is Wednesday PM – children to bring their Forest School clothes in a bag ready to get changed at lunch time – please make sure they have all the appropriate clothing for this time of year.

Recommended reading to support learning:

English		
Science		
History		
RE		

To support your child, the following vocabulary would be useful to understand:

Word	Definition
reflection	When a light hits a surface and 'bounces' off.
refraction	When light passes through a different object and its direction changes.
invasion	An army from one country entering another country, often resulting in the invading power occupying the area.
conquer	If one country or group of people conquers another, they take complete control of their land.
fasting	To go willingly without food and/or drink for a period of time.
Ramadan	The ninth month in the Islamic calendar. During Ramadan, Muslims fast while it is light outside.



We hope to see you at some of these events where we will be explaining what we do to support learning in school and what you can do at home to help your child(ren).

Home learning each week includes:

- **Reading at least three times every week.** We have the online reading app for you to use to record reading at home, so you won't need to worry about finding a paper reading record. A letter detailing how to access this will be sent to you before the start of term.
- **Times tables practice** for Y2-6. You can use your TTRS log in to support this, but our workshop will give you lots of practical strategies to help too.
- **Spellings** for Y2-6. Children will be tested on their spelling lists on a Monday and they will bring home their new spelling lists. Please help them to practice these using a range of ideas – you can find out more about spelling strategies at our spelling workshop.
- **Phonics** for EYFS and KS1 as well as any children receiving phonics interventions. You will be aware of the phase that your child is at based on their decodable phonics book – you will receive flash cards on a loan basis to rehearse sounds at home.
- Pre or post unit work may be issued if your child shows in their assessment that they have gaps in their knowledge. The RKE sheets that you receive show what they should remember based on previous learning. Looking at this together will help you to support them in remembering what they have learnt previously or to help them revisit it. The Knowledge section shows what the children should know by the end of the unit. The RKE sheets make what we are assessing against very clear and put you in a good position to help your children at home.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 Team