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St Martin's CE
Primary School

Spelling/ Handwriting

In year 3 we are trying to focus on improving handwriting, particularly how to use joined up handwriting and presenting our work neatly. It would be great if your child could practise this at home with you. Your child has also got access to Spelling Shed in school and at home and by playing on this they will show improvement in their spelling.

Reading

Reading is a priority in school please can you make sure your child has their reading book in school every day and encourage them to read for a least 10minutes every night. This will allow your child to complete each stage of the Reading Rainbow.

PE

Our PE day is Thursday and Swimming will be every Tuesday. Please make sure earrings are removed on these days otherwise your child will be unable to participate. It's easier if your child leaves their PE kit at school. We will send it home at the end of each half term to be washed. Your child can then return it to school on the first day of each half term. Please bring a pair of pumps for your child's P.E kit.

Year 3 Curriculum Leaflet

Spring

In this leaflet, you will find out about what your child will be learning during this term and what you can do to help them.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all the areas of the curriculum in the school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved to support your child.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Caine, Miss Downen and Miss Jones

Africa

- Africa is home to the world's longest river. The River Nile spans a massive 4,258 miles and the river's mouth is located in Egypt.



Our Topic

This half term our topic is all about Africa. Your child will be using maps to locate Africa, creating sunset pictures of African landscapes, comparing schools in Africa to Wolverhampton, designing their own African jewellery and researching a country of their choice to make a brochure.

We'd love for you to get involved and help your child get a better understanding of the topic. There are many ways you can help your child such as:

- Researching Africa and looking at maps
- Finding out about different African animals, what habitats they live in and what they eat.

RE & PSHE

In RE children will be learning about what Christians believe God to be like. This will enable children to have opportunities to develop spiritually and to reflect on their understanding of God. Also, it will help children develop socially by having discussions with their peers.

Maths

In Arithmetic, we will be solving problems involving vertical addition and subtraction using tricky columns. The children are now looking at how to use tricky tens as well as tricky ones columns. Children will also be introduced to grid multiplication which will support them to solve multiplication of 2 digit and one digit numbers. We will continue our work on fractions and begin to look at solving problems using sevenths using all four operations. In Geometry, we will be looking at turns and begin to look at using degrees to indicate turns. In Data and Measure, children will move on to interpreting grids, bar charts and pie charts and learn how to identify implicit and explicit information.

Science

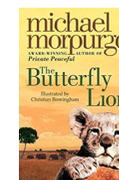
This term our Science topic will be Animals including Humans. We will be finding out about the nutrition of different animals as well their different skeletons. We will be learning the names of different bones in the human body.



English

During English lessons children will be reading 'The Butterfly Lion'. We will be discussing what happens in the book and looking at how the setting of the book helps the children write about Africa. We are focusing on comprehension skills and using the text to justify the answers.

In writing sessions, children will be focusing on extending their vocabulary to make their writing more effective. We will be writing in many different writing styles such as poetry, adventure stories, persuasive letters and setting descriptions.



Don't forget....

- Your child needs to bring their swimming kit with them for their lessons on Tuesdays. In addition, please ensure children are able to remove their own earrings for the sessions. If children are unable to remove their earrings can you please remove them in the morning before they come into school.

We break up for half term on 15th February and return to school on 25th February