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St Martin's CE
Primary School

Spelling / Handwriting

Your child will be given a list of spellings to practise at home ready for a test in school on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to practise these. This includes writing the word into a sentence. In Year 3, we are trying to focus on improving handwriting; particularly how to use joined up handwriting. It would be great if your child could practise this at home with you.

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 at least 10 minutes every night. This will allow your child to complete each stage of the Reading Rainbow.

PE

Our PE day is Friday and swimming takes place 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

Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 3. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

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

Thank you for your support!

Miss Caine, Miss Downen and Miss Jones

Magnets!

Magnets can be found in many common household items such as telephones, computers, stereos, refrigerators, TV's and VCR's. The Earth's magnetic field is 1,000 times weaker than a typical bar magnet. Many roller coasters use electromagnets to push the cars along the tracks.



Our Topic

This half term our topic is all about potions. Children will be researching Alexander Flemming and why he was important. Children will learn and compare medicine from the past to medicine we use now. We will also find out about medical safety and find out about how medicines are made. In D.T, children will be designing and making a medicine pouch.

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 how medicines have changed over time.
- Find out about Alexander Flemming.

Maths

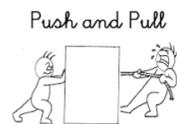
In Arithmetic, we will be solving vertical addition and subtraction involving tricky columns, as well as reading and writing maths stories involving fractions. In Geometry, we will be measuring in mm and cm and learning to convert between measures as well as identifying 2D shapes including quadrilaterals and different triangles. In Data and Measure, we will be focusing on learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and writing this as digital and analogue times. Children will then move on to calculating time difference using a set of clocks. In Reasoning, we will be using our knowledge of vertical maths to calculate total distances and populations, as well as the difference between journeys and two populations.

RE

In RE, children will be learning about what Christian's learn about from the creation story. We will reflect on what pupils think is wonderful about the world and how humans are responsible for the world that God created.

Science

Our topic for Science this half term is all about forces and magnets. We will be identifying different forces such as pushes, pulls and twists as well as investigating friction. We will also be finding out about which objects are magnetic and how magnets behave.



English

During English lessons, children will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be discussing what happens in the book and describing the characters. 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 narrative, diary entry, instructions and character descriptions.



Don't forget....

- Your child needs to bring their swimming kit for their lessons on Tuesdays. 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 are celebrating Harvest Festival on 26th September and we would be grateful if you could donate food items by 24th September.
- We break up for half term on 26th October and return on 5th November.