



## Year 3 Topic Letter - Autumn 1 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 3. We are excited about the year ahead. There are going to be lots of fascinating topics including London, Ancient Egypt and Light. Our topic this half term is **London**.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional Suggestions for home learning:
English	<p><b>Spelling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Words with the long /ai/ sound spelt 'ei', 'ey', and 'ai'. Words with /ur/ spelt with 'ear'. Homophones and near homophones.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grammar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sentence structure to include: nouns, verbs, adverbs and sequencing, eg: before, during, meanwhile.</li> </ul> <p><b>Writing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recounts, instructions &amp; story writing</li> </ul> <p><b>Reading:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decoding and comprehension skills</li> </ul> <p><b>Handwriting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We teach handwriting alongside spelling with a focus on joined up writing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read a variety of genres, including fiction and non-fiction.</li> <li>Visit online libraries: <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page</a> (sign up is free)</li> <li>Use the Collins e-library. Let the class teacher know (via email) if books are ready to be changed.</li> <li>Write letters and postcards to relatives.</li> <li>Ensure your child's letters sit on the line.</li> <li>Encourage joined up writing.</li> </ul>
Maths	<p><b>Place Value:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers to 1000</li> </ul> <p><b>Addition and subtraction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of column method to add/subtract up to 3-digits.</li> </ul> <p><b>Multiplication and division:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of 3, 4 and 8 times tables</li> <li>Introduction of grid method for multiplication of 2-digit numbers.</li> <li>Introduction of division of 2-digit numbers using pictorials.</li> </ul>	<p>Daily practice of mental maths. 5 minutes on the walk to or from school will work wonders for their memory! Adding and subtracting up to 20 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables</p> <p>There are also online games to help with these: <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd2f7nb/articles/zn2y7nb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd2f7nb/articles/zn2y7nb</a></p>
Science	<p><b>Magnets and Forces</b> Understanding that magnets can attract and repel, that some are stronger than others and not all materials are magnetic.</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize KS2 Magnets <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyttyrd">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyttyrd</a></p>
ICT	PowerPoint presentations	<p>Practise using Microsoft PowerPoint:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating, saving and locating files in File Explorer.</li> <li>Using search engines to find and download images.</li> <li>Creating Powerpoint Presentations.</li> <li>Touch typing skills.</li> </ul>
Geography & history	<p><b>London:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map reading skills, including using keys and symbols.</li> <li>Compass directions.</li> <li>Following simple directions.</li> <li>Locating the UK, its 4 countries and capitals on a map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at a variety of maps and atlases, including paper and online.</li> <li>Explore using keys, indexes and other tools to locate places.</li> </ul>
PE	Netball and creative games making	
ART	<p><b>Landscape drawing</b> Exploring perspective and observational landscape drawing with a focus on the artist LS Lowry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit 'Pinterest' for some fun art activities exploring points of perspective.</li> </ul>
PSHE	Introducing Zones of Regulation. This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.	Utilise the strategies (the 'toolkit') learnt at school in our Zones of Regulation lessons at home when appropriate. Keep a personal diary

RE	<b>Hinduism</b> Learning about Diwali	Talk to your family about different beliefs.
Music	Singing and rhythm	
Trips	Parkland Walk	

P.E sessions are on Wednesday and Fridays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in appropriate sportswear. No jewelry, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back.

**Important dates:**

Parkland Walk trip – Autumn 1, Week 5 (date tbc)

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.

With best wishes  
Miss Coburn and Mrs Etan.