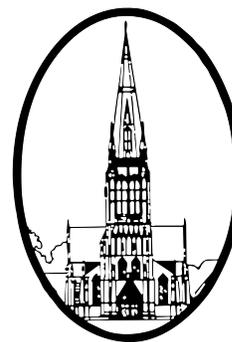


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
the best we can be.'*

8th March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Your child's topic this half term is **'Living together'** which is a Geography focus.

Children will learn about the local area and the city they live in. They will investigate how areas change over time and will compare their local surroundings to other countries around the world.

They will have the opportunity to complete field work during this time exploring and evaluating their local surroundings.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	We will be focused on 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. The children will be learning how to: - explore the elements of Anthony Browne's books e.g. Gorillas, animals and zoos -produce fact files about animals - debate -write to persuade * Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.
Maths	The main topic areas covered this term will be: - Statistics (data handling) -Money - Addition and Subtraction -Multiplication and division *times tables will be taught throughout the term
PE	-Hockey – outdoor –Multi skills - indoor
PHSCE	- Looking after myself -How can I stay healthy -How can I stay happy
RE	Our big questions in RE this term is 'What did Jesus teach and tell people to do?' And as we approach lent our big question is: How does Holy Communion build a Christian community?
Spanish	Conversational Spanish
Music	Children will continue to learn recorder. They will need to bring their recorder to school every Wednesday.

PE

Indoor session - Tuesday

Outdoor session - Thursday

Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit to change into. This should include: a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms and a pair of suitable trainers/plimsolls.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Wednesday.

Reading

Please send your child to school with their reading record **every day**. We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log when they have read with you. There is a reading follow up task given on the homework sheet each week to help with furthering your child's understanding to the text.

Times Tables

In the Autumn term year 3 have started to learn their 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

Please help your child practise these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

Punctuality

Finally, I would just like to remind parents that the school gates open at **8.50 a.m.** each morning and that the register is closed at **9 a.m.** your child should be settled in class when learning starts.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Francis