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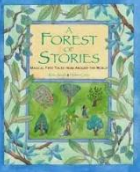
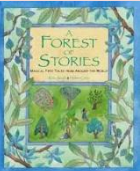
Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring 1 Term 2024

What are we learning in Year 3 this half term?

Welcome to the Spring Term! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Winter break. It has been great to see the children back in school and we look forward to seeing what this term brings.

Below is a summary of what we will be learning this half term
(Tuesday 8th January – Friday 9th February).

Reading 	The book focus for this half term is called “A Forest of Stories” - By Rina Singh. The book looks at the importance of trees around the world and how they provide for us. We will use a cross-curricular link to Geography, when looking at Biomes and how we can prevent deforestation.
Writing 	To begin with, we will be looking at a non-chronological report. This will be based around an animal discovery in the rainforest, moving on to a Persuasive Letter to stop deforestation and find ‘greener’ alternatives.
Maths	This half term our focus will be on Multiplication and Division. More specifically we will focus on multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.
R.E	This unit will be focussing on “Understanding Christianity” Our question will be: What is it like to follow God?
Science	We will be exploring fossils and how they were formed. The class will also explore the composition of soil and think about how soil is made.
Geography / History	Over Spring 1, our focus will be on Geography. Our Focus question is “How can we protect the Earth’s Biomes?”, focusing on the Deforestation and the impact of Global Warming on the Polar Ice Caps.
PE	Our focus for PE will be Dance and Athletics.
ART/DT	This half term, we will be making an animal puppets. The class will look at various sewing techniques, in particular, stitch types.

Music	Charanga - the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Three Little Birds - a reggae song by Bob Marley. Some skills we will cover include: pulse, rhythm, pitch, singing and playing instruments.
Computing	<p>Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.</p> <p>The topic for this half term is 'Touch Typing' where children will be engaging in activities to practise quickly and efficiently typing on a keyboard.</p>
Online Safety	Your child is taught weekly Online Safety lesson using Project Evolve . We do not have an outline of what is taught weekly, as it based on the discuss throughout the term. If you would like to know what has been taught that week please ask your class teacher.
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Cultural Education)	<p>In Jigsaw, our topic this half term is Dreams and Goals, where children will explore their aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.</p> <p>In addition to Dreams and Goals, we will be focusing on e-safety looking at internet safety and how children can stay safe online.</p> <p>As part of our work on learning about differences and the 9 protected characteristics, we use learning material from an educational source called 'No Outsiders, All Different and All Welcome'. We will also look at the five British Values this term, with a focus on tolerance.</p> <p>At the start of term, the whole school has been focusing on our community. Children have looked at the local and wider community they belong to. All children have been looking at British people who have shaped our culture. They have also looked at an element of local history from a child's point of view.</p>
Wellbeing	As a school, we have a subscription to Calm Brain which is a video stimulus used to calm children so that they are in a better state to learn, attend and develop. It achieves this by understanding that for children to develop effectively they need to have healthy brain organisation, and their brain needs to communicate effectively to itself by working as a whole. CalmBrain is therefore a psychological intervention that addresses key neurological features.

Collective Worship	<p>Collective Worship is held daily.</p> <p>Our value for this half term is perseverance.</p> <p>Our Safeguarding Crew and Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be supporting with Collective Worship and sharing ideas and ways to keep safe around school.</p> <p>We also continue to learn about equality, nine protected characteristics and the five British Values through stories in Collective Worship.</p>
Other school events:	<p>We are excited to launch our Book Club to parents this half term, with all parents being given the opportunity to come to school each Friday at 3pm to read with your child(ren) and enjoy a selection of books. There is also an opportunity to swap and buy pre-loved books for your family to enjoy! Please note, our Book Club day will change each half term in order to give all working parents the best opportunity to share a book with their child and come in to see them! Book club will start on Friday 19th January.</p> <p>Book Club every Friday starting 19th January 2024 Safer Internet Day 6th of February 2024 ACE attendance Mascot visiting school week starting 5th February 2024</p>
Attendance	<p>At the beginning of each week, every class receives a weekly attendance target in Collective Worship. Attendance certificates are also awarded to those classes who reached their attendance target from the previous week. These are specific to each class.</p> <p>Ace our Attendance mascot will be visiting on Monday 5.2.24 for the week. Look out for him on the school gates each morning.</p> <p>Reminder: Gates open at 8:35am Registration and start of school day: 8:50am End of school day: 3:20pm</p>
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read daily – please sign your child’s diary. - Practise your half term KIRFs - Weekly Maths tasks. - Weekly Spelling Practise