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New City Primary School

Year group: 3 Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to school! This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Mathematics	English	Science
A primary focus this term will be place value, knowing terms and applying their knowledge. They will be using additive base 10 (used alongside teaching Place Value to 1000). Children will be linking their understanding of number to measurement - with practical activities around length, mass, capacity, money, ordering and comparing. Children will start work on fractions identifying whole part relationships and linking it to division.	The children will be working on narrative work and traditional tales. There will be a focus on reinforcing the use basic punctuation. The children will be using connectives, adjectives and the past and present tense in their writing. They will explore aspects of non-fiction writing through recounts, newspaper reports and persuasive writing identifying features specific to each genre.	During the first half term, the children will study the topic of 'Animals Including Humans' in Autumn 2. They will explore nutrition and the function of human and animal skeletons and muscles. During the second half of the term the children will be learning about light, thinking about how light can be reflected from certain surfaces and also investigating how shadows are formed in the absence of light.
Art/DT/Geography/History/Music		
In History children will be finding out about the Stone Age to Iron Age in Britain and investigate the changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age as well as the study of their hunters and gatherers. Children will plot timelines to show the part that the Stone Age and Iron Age played in history. In Art, the children will be using a range of media to create an art work in the style of a specific artist. During DT we will be researching aeroplane designs before planning and creating our own prototypes and testing their functionality. For Geography we will be learning about the different regions of the United Kingdom. We will be using key features to explain a land use and working towards designing a fieldwork questionnaire. In Music we will be learning to play the Ukulele throughout the term.		
Computing	Religious Education	PSHE
In Computing, we will be learning about creating an algorithm for an animated scene in the form of a storyboard. We will be creating the animation and correcting mistakes in their animation programs. In Autumn 2 we will be recognising a number of common type of bugs in software and develop a number of strategies to help overcome finding errors in programs software.	Children will be finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi and how and why it is celebrated by Hindus all around the world. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at the significance of light in different religions and comparing world religions whilst thinking critically.	Children will be learning about new beginnings. We will reflect on our learning in Y2 and what our hopes and aspirations for Y3. We will also explore 'Getting on and Falling out'. We will discuss empathy and seeing things from another person's viewpoint as well as strategies to help resolve conflicts independently.
P.E	MFL	Homework
In P.E. the children will be studying body shapes and striking and fielding skills through gymnastics and cricket. After half term they will be focusing on movement and co- ordination and invasion skills through ballroom dancing and netball. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE clothing.	Children will be studying 'Family' and will be practicing constructing sentences in Chinese Mandarin as well as recognising familiar written Chinese characters. They will also explore 'Around School' to further broaden their vocabulary of Mandarin words and character.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows: Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Athletics (online) Thursday- Counting/Times Tables Friday- Writing
	Educational Visits	
	Planned visits linked to the curriculum areas being studied this autumn term are due to take place. More detailed information (including where and when) will be provided nearer the time.	



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