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Class 3 Information – Spring 1 2020

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas

A few reminders to start off with:

- School doors open at 8.40 and the register will be taken promptly at 8.50. If you need to speak to me before school starts please come before 8.50, otherwise the class will be learning. For routine communication you can write a note in your child's home/school link book (please remember to tell your child to bring the note to my attention) or send me a message direct on Class Dojo. Urgent or more confidential messages can be left at the office in person or by phone and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
- P.E. will be taught on a Tuesday and a Friday. It is advisable to bring it in on a Monday and leave it at school through the week in case it is needed. As we enter the winter months, trainers are needed due to the wetter weather.
- Children need to plan ahead by bringing in coats, jumpers and water bottles, should they be required.
- Please ensure ALL your clothing is labelled.
- Water bottles. With bugs and germs doing the rounds please keep asking your child(ren) to bring the bottles home for a good sterilisation.

Our learning

Maths – Our focus for this half term will be on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages as well as mastering formal methods for multiplication and division for the Year 5s.

English – With our topic being based around the Himalayas, in English, we shall focus on Mount Everest using the book, *Everest by Francis Sangma*. Through this text, we shall write Diary entries from the point of view of a mountaineer such as Kiwi Edmund Hilary or the Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay. We will then write biographies on a mountaineer – hopefully following a visit from a real-life mountaineer.



Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Asia'.

Geography – We will be identifying the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night), through the use of maps and atlases. We shall also be focusing in on the physical geography of mountains.

Finally, I hope to get in a special visitor this half term. More details to follow...

Art/DT – The children will be designing and making structures.



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Further to this, the children will be learning:

RE – What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

Science – Light

Music – Young voices singing then Livin’ on a Prayer

Computing – E-safety

P.E. – Mr Warriner will be teaching hockey. In our Friday session, this half term we will be leaning dance.

French – Mrs Gale and Miss Wilkie will be focusing on animals in French.

Homework

Years 2-5	<p>First week: Research homework due in 13/1/20</p> <p>Xtables – Through rockstars</p> <p>Spellings – Children have already received the list for the half term</p> <p>Reading Comprehension (First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior – once per half term)</p> <p>Reading – levelled books from school (e.g. dark blue)</p>
Year 6	<p>First week: Research homework due in 13/1/20</p> <p>Xtables – Through rockstars</p> <p>Spellings – Children have already received the list for the half term</p> <p>Reading Comprehension(First News / National Geographic / The Week Junior – once per half term)</p> <p>Reading</p> <p>10 minute test ESPAG a week</p> <p>10 minutes test Maths a week</p> <p>10 minute test Reading a week</p>

Visits

This half term, we have a few visits planned in:

Monday 13th January 2020 – Young Voices

Wednesday 29th January 2020 - matinee performance of “**We Will Rock You**”, taking place on at Ampleforth College.

Many thanks

Mr Chapman