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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 3 Topic Letter

This half term's topic is:
The Bronze Age and Europe



Literacy

This half term, the children will be reinforcing and consolidating their basic

Literacy skills through story writing. They will improve their use of punctuation by learning how to use basic punctuation accurately, including speech punctuation and commas. The children will also learn about nouns, verbs and adjectives and learn to use them regularly throughout their work.

When writing for different purposes they will learn to write reports and persuasive texts. They will also continue to improve the size, orientation and joining of their handwriting.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the children will be reinforcing their basic skills. They will continue to practice written methods for addition and subtraction and carry out real life problem solving work related to this. We will also reinforce skills in mental maths to help the children solve problems quickly and accurately using a range of strategies. Children will also continue to reinforce their understanding of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables. In topic maths we will investigate 2D shapes, 3D shapes and time.

ART/DT

In Art and D.T. the children will explore the mediums of pastels and paint using different techniques. They will also explore the life of Van Gogh and discuss some of his most famous works of art. They will produce their own silhouette landscape of a famous European landmark, set against Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'.

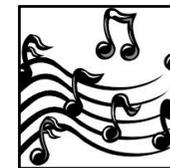


Computing

In computing the children will be following the Rising Stars scheme of work to become computing programmers. The children will work with a partner to design and create a short animation.

Music

In music the children will learn to sing a traditional French greeting song and play singing games to build up their vocabulary recognition. They will then develop these songs by playing along on instruments, building up to a group performance.



Science

The children will learn about 'Rocks and soils'. Through this unit the children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. They will learn

about fossils and describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. The children will also recognise that soils are made from rocks and other organic matter.



P.E.

This half term, the children will learn skills associated with tennis. This will include being able to hold and move a racquet confidently, using it to strike a

ball in order to pass it, with increasing accuracy, to a partner.



Topic

In their topic lessons the children will continue to learn about life in the Bronze Age. In particular we will look at homes, clothes, travel and trade. Alongside this in Geography we will look at Europe and learn about the specific features of this continent. They will locate European countries on a map and label these on their own maps. They will learn facts about some European countries and identify each of the capital cities of the countries. They will compare and contrast the cities of London and Paris before investigating a European country of their choice.



R.E.

This half term the children will learn about the miracles Jesus performed and what they tell us about who Jesus was. They will express their own ideas of what a

miracle is and then investigate the stories of the miracles that Jesus performed. They will explore these miracles in different ways such as artwork, drama, role play and writing from different points of view.



PSHE

In PSHE, the children will work from the Lucinda and Godfrey scheme of learning, looking at how to recognise and deal with negative feelings. They will develop skills needed to deal with different situations and learn how to offer help and advice to others. We will also learn more about the British values of friendship and responsibility.



Notes

- Please listen to your child read every night.
- Remember to bring P.E. kits on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables.