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Autumn 2 Half Term Information for Parents Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Themes: Autumn 2 - Theatre

Cross curricular links:

English: The children will be provided with a variety of reading and writing opportunities linked to our topic. We will use play scripts as a stimulus for the children's writing. There will also be an opportunity to look into the plays of Shakespeare in particular *The Tempest*. Of course our Christmas production will be integral to this area of learning.

Art: Children will look at and talk about the work of different artists on a theatrical theme. We will have an opportunity to display some of our art work at the People's Theatre in Newcastle.

PE: Children will develop dance work that can feed into our Christmas production as well as other smaller play script work.

Music: The children will sing songs to accompany the Christmas production. There will be an opportunity for playing instruments here too.

Maths: Problem solving in Maths will also have a theatrical flavour.

ICT: In ICT we will be using tablets to record our dances and plays. We will have an opportunity to edit a this. We will use the Internet to research information about the Tudors and Shakespeare.

Subjects being taught separately this half term:

Maths: Children will cover National Curriculum objectives for Year 3. This will include work on There will be a big focus on times tables particularly with 2,5,10,3, 4.

PSCHE: We will look into aspects of bullying, how to stop it and what to do if you experience it.

RE: We will look at different festivals and celebrations in particular advent and Christmas.

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn. This includes having all the equipment they need for the day, such as PE kit, reading book and reading record.
- Practise core vocabulary words. Can your child read and spell them?
- Complete homework activities with your child.
- Share your child's school reading book with them, discussing characters, events and opinions. This is best done often and in short bursts.
- Practise mental maths including times tables. Discuss money, time and measures with real examples.
- Encourage your child to tell you what they have been learning about at school and where possible, extend their learning at home, through books, outings, discussions and the internet.
- Please check your child's book bag frequently for letters and other information.
- If you have any interesting topic related artefacts that your child could share for a display or discussion, please bring them into school.

Homework

Our homework policy is currently under review and as the year progresses we will have a more topic based

approach. Please bear in mind that the 'How can you help?' section covers ongoing homework activities that are to be done on a regular basis. An additional sheet will follow for guidance.

Class Reminders

PE: Y3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure PE kits are in school on all school days to ensure it is available for any extra PE sessions.

Children must always have sandshoes.