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During this half term the children in Year 3 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	<p>In English this half term our class text is 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers. As we follow the story of Barnabus and the other 'failed projects', we will create an advertisement, prepare a news report, plan an escape and write a brochure.</p> <p>We will continue to develop positive attitudes to reading by discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. We will build on our comprehension skills by drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</p> <p>In spelling we will focus on words ending in 'le', words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'le', words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'ic' and words ending in 'ly'; exceptions.</p>	<p>Continue to read together at home and complete the reading record.</p> <p>Encourage your child to practise the weekly spellings and try to think of other words that follow the spelling rule.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term we will revisit number and place value, counting on and back in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. The children will develop their ability to add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal and written methods. We will continue to focus on being able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. The children will learn how to recognise tenths and equivalent fractions. They will compare and order unit fractions and fractions with the same denominators. Towards the end of the half term, we will investigate measures (length, mass and capacity) and 3-D shapes.</p>	<p>Continue to practise the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables at home. Support your child to develop their maths skills using Numbots and TTRS.</p> <p>Look at everyday objects at home identifying their mass, e.g. 1kg of sugar, 500g butter etc. or capacity, e.g. 1 litre of milk or 500ml of orange juice.</p>

Science	Our topic in science this half term is 'Light and Shadows'. We will learn about how light travels, what shadows are and how the length and position of a shadow changes throughout the day. The children will identify light sources, explain the difference between night and day and work scientifically to investigate shadows and how light is reflected. We are hoping for lots of sunshine this half term!	Help your child to carry out some research at home to deepen their understanding of light and shadows.
Computing	Pupils will continue to think about staying safe online and will complete lessons using Purple Mash. They will be able to explain why spending too much time using technology can sometimes have a negative impact on anyone, e.g. mood, sleep, body, relationships and give some examples of both positive and negative activities where it is easy to spend a lot of time engaged (e.g. doing homework, games, films, videos). Pupils will investigate spreadsheets and learn how to follow the steps of the formula wizard (2Calculate, Purple Mash) to perform calculations, enter formulae into the formulae bar and create formulae to complete calculations.	Discuss with your child the importance of being safe and respectful when going online. Share any knowledge of spreadsheets you have with your child.
RE	The children will consider what Christians remember on Palm Sunday. They will hear the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and will consider the symbolism and significance of this event. They will put this story in the context of Holy Week and what happened next to Jesus. The children will learn that Jesus was hailed as a king when he entered Jerusalem and will explore what is meant by the word 'king'. They will learn the various ways in which Palm Sunday is remembered and celebrated today and have opportunities to reflect on the feelings of the different people involved in the entry into Jerusalem.	Encourage your children to reflect on some 'big questions': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and why did people react differently when Jesus came to Jerusalem? • What do Christians mean when they call Jesus king? • How do Christians celebrate Palm Sunday today?
Geography	This half term, we will be continuing our work on cities and we will complete this unit with a comparison of cities across the world and an investigation into what makes a 'megacity'. We will then develop our local knowledge of the North East, thinking about why it is a special place – focusing on aspects of human and physical geography and OS mapwork.	If you are travelling around the local area, point out anything of interest in the landscape such as important landmarks and discuss important people. If your child is keen to learn more about ordnance survey maps, head to https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/ .
PE	We will continue with weekly swimming lessons to enable all children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently	Discuss the importance of a healthy lifestyle and the benefits of regular exercise.

	<p>over a distance of at least 25 metres (using two strokes) and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. In PE, the children will develop their skills and understanding in striking and fielding games.</p>	
French	<p>Our topic this half term is 'Au Salon du Thé' (At the Tearoom). By the end of the unit children will have the knowledge and skills necessary to perform a short role-play in a French tea room. This is a unit that consolidates much of the grammar covered in our previous topics (nouns, gender, determiners and plurality) so that pupils can say and write what they are ordering to eat and/or drink using a wider range of vocabulary alongside very useful transactional language.</p>	
Proposed Educational Visit		