



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Summer 1

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 the children will be focusing on a film unit; 'Once in a Lifetime'. The children will write a diary entry, a job advertisement and a non-chronological report. They will build on prior learning and develop their writing skills, learning to identify the features of persuasive language, use fronted adverbials and collate information.</p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to read aloud, using appropriate intonation. They will continue to develop their comprehension skills, using evidence from the text to support their answers.</p> <p>In spelling, we will focus on words ending in -er and -ary, words with the short /u/ sound spelt with 'o', words with the short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' and word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning.</p>	<p>Continue to read at home with your children, recording the books they have read and commenting on their progress in their reading records.</p> <p>Investigate their weekly spelling rule (handed out on Fridays), generating words that follow the same rule which they can share in class.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term the children will be covering the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. • To revisit finding 10 or 100 more or less than a given number, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000 and solving missing number problems. • To secure mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. 	<p>Continue to practise the 3, 4 and 8-times tables at home. Log on to Numbots and TTRS to develop number skills.</p>

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Science	<p>In our Science topic of Animals, including humans, we will be focusing on diet and why animals need food. We will learn about the 5 key food groups and consider how food from each group is essential for human growth and health.</p> <p>The children will investigate food labels and learn that food labels give in depth information about the different food groups within a product and can help us to make healthy choices.</p>	Keep a food diary and talk about the importance of a varied and balanced diet.
Geography	<p>This half term the pupils will be learning about biomes. The children will locate, identify and describe different biomes around the world. They will also explore why different biomes are important and what they provide for the animals and plants that live there. This knowledge will be applied in following units, including Italy in Year 3, the UK and Europe in Year 4 and rainforests in Year 6. Children will be using subject-specific vocabulary alongside their locational knowledge.</p>	Talk at home to your children about biomes and their understanding of climate and climate zones.
Computing	<p>In Computing, the children will be learning about email. They will consider different methods of communication and learn how to open and respond to an email using an address book, add an attachment and use email safely. Our online safety lessons will focus on privacy and security; creating and keeping passwords private and sharing information safely.</p>	Talk about email and the importance of staying safe online.

RE	In RE this half term we will consider the key question; what are the deeper meanings of festivals? The children will identify the main beliefs at the heart of some religious festivals, make connections between stories, symbols and beliefs and how believers celebrate these festivals and raise questions about what is worth celebrating and remembering in religious communities and their own lives.	Support your child at home with any questions they may have or research they would like to carry out. Discuss important events you celebrate in your family.
PE	In PE the children will be continuing with their weekly swimming lessons, developing their stroke work and increasing their stamina to be able to swim 25 metres using two recognised strokes. They will take part in dance sessions with a coach to help them develop their skills and coordination.	Discuss the benefits of regular activity to the body and mind.
Music	This half term we will be having Ukulele lessons delivered by Durham Music Services staff.	Talk with your child about the pieces of music and the musical terminology they are learning in their music lessons.
French	Au salon de thé (At the tea room): We will name and recall a wide variety of foods, snacks, and drinks (with their indefinite articles/determiners) typically served in a French salon de thé. We will understand better how to change a singular noun to the plural form. We will role-play ordering what we would like to eat and drink.	We will be naming food such as, un croissant, une crêpe (a crepe), un pain au chocolat, un sandwich au jambon (a ham sandwich), un sandwich au fromage (a cheese sandwich), une tartelette (a small tart), un croque-monsieur (a ham and cheese toastie), une limonade (a lemonade). We will also be practising these words and phrases, bonjour (hello), au revoir (goodbye), vous désirez? (What would you like?), je voudrais (I would like), merci (thank you), s'il vous plaît (please) l'addition (the bill). Practising these words and phrases at home as part of your daily routines would greatly support the child the children's learning.
Art	The children will explore hieroglyphics and design and make their own Ancient Egyptian cartouche.	Look at some examples and talk about colours and design choices with your children.

