Year 3

Welcome back Year 3! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break.

This term we are going to be studying a Geography Topic on a non European country:

Canada. We will be using atlases to understand Earth's features before we research and learn key facts about Canada. We will spend time analysing and comparing Canada's physical and human features in contrast to our own to build an appreciation for the world we live in. Remember to stay up to date with our class on Dojo. If you ever need any help, have any questions or would like to give us additional information about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

Our focus in English will begin by looking at recounts, using the story 'Diary of a Killer Cat.' We will be focusing on using emotive language and revising past tense suffixes and adverbs to create structure.

In Maths this half term, we will be continuing to learn how to **add and subtract** 3-digit numbers using the column method. Please look at our calculation policy for how it is set out and help your child by ensuring they set it out just as they would at school. We will also focus on writing and calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division by using and learning new multiplication tables in Year 3: **2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s.** Please use Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible at home to learn times tables.

Our big question in RE is; What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?

In Science, we will be exploring Forces and Magnets: we will revisit what we know from forces and materials in Year 2, before we then investigate how friction works through investigation, observe how magnets behave and identify which materials are magnetic and why.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3 and our phonics scheme will help us consolidate our previous Year 2 learning and current Year 3 spelling patterns. We encourage children to **read at home as much as possible** and bring their book and signed reading record in daily.

In Love to Read, we use 'Freds Teaching' scheme and will look at extracts from a variety of texts, including; Great women who made history- Kate Pankhurst, Pugs of the Frozen North - Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, The day my dog got famous- Jen Carney and The dog that saved the world cup- Phil Earle. We will select a class story with the children.

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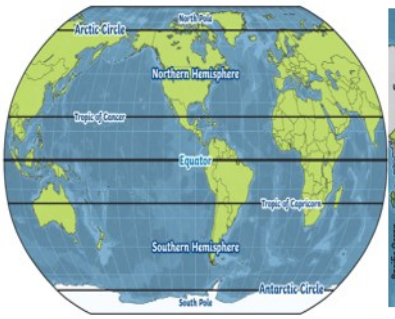
PE this half term continues to be on **Monday** and **Friday.** Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and black trainers or pumps. Please do NOT wear non school uniform logo jumper/hoody, your normal school jumper is fine.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a clean water bottle, a jumper and waterproof coat for those rainy days.

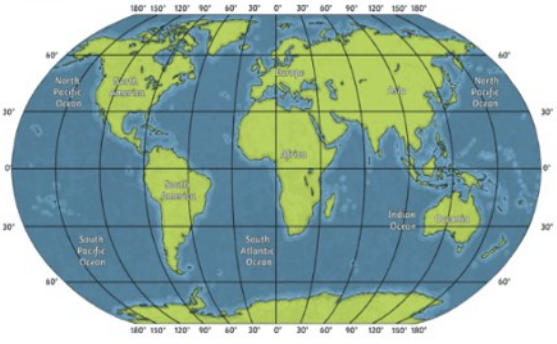
In Design and Technology this half term, our focus will be to create our own Christmas cards...using sliders and levers to create a sensory experience for you to enjoy!

In **Music** this half term, we will be introducing and using the Glockenspiel.

Year 3 **homework** will be sent out every week on **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following Wednesday. We will review homework and spelling patterns in class, and give children the opportunity to practise the skills learnt at school that week, so that you can see their progress.









Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident
accidentally
actual
actually
address
although
answer
appear
arrive
believe
bicycle
breath
breathe
build
busy
business
calendar
caught
centre
century
certain
circle
complete
consider
continue
decide
describe
different
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disappear
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imagine
increase
important
interest
island
knowledge
learn
length
library
material
medicine
mention
minute
natural
naughty
notice
occasion
occasionally
often
opposite
ordinary
particular
peculiar
perhaps
popular
position
possess
possession
possible
potatoes
pressure
probably
promise
purpose
quarter
question
recent
regular
reign
remember
sentence
separate
special
straight
strange
strength
suppose
surprise
therefore
though
thought
through
various
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