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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. Please find attached an outline of work for the Spring Term. Our topic is Let it shine.

Spring Term 2023

PE - We have a Gymnastics coach this term - Tuesday afternoon - please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school in a bag and wears their uniform to school.

Music - We will be having lessons with Mrs Simon on Tuesday morning.

Homework

English comprehension and spellings will be set weekly and is due back in class for all groups on **Wednesday**.

Mathletics weekly - Mathletics is a very important part of homework and is closely linked to the curriculum we teach in school. I check this weekly and it appears that some children are having difficulty accessing the computer. Can you let me know if this is the case and I will give them worksheets instead. Just to remind you that the logon for Mathletics is inside the Reading Record book.

As you know, vocabulary enrichment is very important so please encourage your child to note new words in their Reading Records and use dictionaries to explore meanings.

We are encouraging the children to read from our 'special purple' Year 3 books, so your child may have an additional book to read and at school they will be writing book reviews to recommend their book to their class mates.

This is a very hard-working term, but should also be enjoyable; if your child has any difficulties with the work set or any other aspect of their education, please do not hesitate to see me.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Pinkerton

Outline of work Spring 1 2023

Religious Education

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Prodigal Son

Loving and Forgiving

Reflect on how wrong choices affect us and other people

The stages of reconciliation

Express prayers of sorrow for areas of brokenness or conflict

Think about what this Sacrament does for us

Understand the purpose of Lent

English

Class Novel - Leon and the place between - Angela McAllister

Focus Poem - List poems

Writing - Narrative, Poetry, Explanation, Letter

Reading

Comprehension - Blue John, understanding of text, development of inference skills, character studies, predictions, linking to prior learning, use of language, building background knowledge about caves, improvisation, visualisation to deepen understanding, finding linking clues

Grammar - Revision Word Class, pronouns, similes, adverbs, understanding and use of verbs

Punctuation - speech marks, apostrophes for contracted words

Spellings - Words with short 'i' sound spelt with a 'y' / Adding suffixes that begin with a vowel 'er' 'ed' 'ing' / Adding suffixes that begin with a vowel 'er' 'ed' 'ing' / Creating negative meanings using prefix 'mis' / Creating negative meanings using prefix 'dis' / Words with a k sound spelt with 'ch'

Maths

Each lesson will begin with a recap of learning

Multiplication using the symbol \times

The 2 times table

The 3 times table

The 4 times table

The 5 times table

The 8 times table

Using arrays

Making equal groups - sharing

Making equal groups - grouping

Divide by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8

Computing

Internet Safety and Exploring Simulations

PE

Gymnastics, Dance

PSHCE

Individual liberty

Rule of Law - School/Class Behaviour Policy

What is needed to make a good friendship?

Understand the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships, and some of Jesus' teaching on forgiveness.