

Summer Term 2021



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

We hope you had a restful Easter break and that this newsletter provides some helpful information for the summer term ahead. We are really looking forward to an enjoyable, successful final term with our classes.

Mrs Fernandes, Ms Winter and Miss Hughes.

English

This term we will be writing non-fiction information texts about rainforest animals, reading myths and legends as well as looking at traditional tales from other cultures about the rainforest. Through this, children will learn more about how to use paragraphs to organise their writing, as well as using speech marks.

In the second half of term we will explore patterns in language when creating poems about the rainforest. We will also look at rhythm and rhyme in order to create and perform some rainforest raps. Throughout this term the children will be given plenty of opportunity to apply their knowledge of grammar and punctuation to various styles and genres of writing, such as writing persuasive letters about protecting tribes and challenging conservation issues.



Maths

This term your child will focus on many different mathematical topics which will include multiplication, place value of three digit numbers, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, properties of shape and recognising angles. Problem solving, logical approaches to investigations and mental strategies will be practised on an ongoing basis. In multiplication, we will continue to reinforce the times tables. The aim is for the children to build on prior knowledge of x2,5 and 10 and to secure x3, x4, x6 and x8.



Weekly Information

Homework: Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday. There will be a weekly spellings investigation and sometimes a Maths / Topic activity set on Google Classroom. We will also be continuing with a weekly times tables test. The children are tested in a random order and at speed.

Reading: Please can books and reading diaries come into school daily to ensure that children can swap books and be read with. Children are also allowed two atrium books at a time.

Music

In music lessons children are learning about *The Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saens. The children will be getting to know the instruments of the orchestra and how music can represent a character and tell a story.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E. we will be teaching our next unit from our Jigsaw scheme of work about relationships. We will be discussing family roles and responsibilities, friendships, keeping safe online and understanding what makes a good relationship.

Science

This term our topic will be 'Plants' during which we will learn about the parts of a flowering plant and explore factors that affect their growth, such as light and water, through a series of investigations. We will also look at how water travels through a plant and the life cycles of flowering plants.

Computing

This term we will be looking at how to find and correct bugs in computer systems, using Scratch online. The children will be using a 'try and test' approach to fixing technical bugs.

R.E

In this term, R.E focuses on developing the children's understanding of Buddhism and how Buddhists choose to live their lives. We will then look at Christian liturgy in the final half term.

P.E

P.E sessions will focus on improving hand eye coordination through bat and ball skills, and preparing for sports day events.

Please make sure your child has both indoor PE kit (shorts and T-shirt) as well as a warm tracksuit and trainers for outdoor sessions, and crucially that all items are named.

Please ensure PE kits are in all week. We will send PE kits home every Friday to be washed ready for the following week.

French

In French we will learn words for colours, names of parts of the body and facial features. Next half term we move onto a unit about growing things, learning the names of vegetables and being able to state an opinion about food.

Geography



In **Geography** we will be looking in depth at rainforests. We will discover their locations and climates, layers, vegetation, animals, and natural resources. Then we will look at tribes and address the need for rainforest conservation.

Art and D&T

In **Art**, our theme will be "Patterns from around the world". We will be exploring natural patterns from plants and animals, and will then create our own stencils to create repeating patterns.



In **Design and Technology**, we will focus on exploring healthy eating and food hygiene standards, with the children designing and making a healthy sandwich.

Dates for you diary

Class photos—Thursday 6th May

Thank you for bringing in boxes of tissues and Pritt sticks last term. We go through them quickly and would really appreciate some more!

Many thanks for your continued support.
Year 3 Team.