

Summer Term 2022



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.

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English

This term we will be writing a set of instructions, 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, and to use speech marks correctly.

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 and division, adding and subtracting, re-visiting fractions, interpreting statistics and data while practising telling the time to the minute. They will also be learning more about, shape, angles and symmetry. The children will continue to problem solve and will be guided to use logical approaches to investigations, while 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 $\times 2, 5$ and 10 and to secure $\times 3$, $\times 4$, and $\times 8$ while providing extension activities for those who are already confident.



Weekly Information

Homework: Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday. There will be a weekly spelling task set on Spelling Frame 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. Once they have received all of their times table cards, they will complete a timed activity, striving to improve their pace each week.

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 to borrow two atrium books at a time.

Music

In music children are going to be having recorder lessons. If you have told us your child has a recorder at home, please ensure they bring it into school and leave it in their tray this term.

They will be learning how to play the notes B, A and G and applying them to play a song.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E. we will be teaching the next unit from our Jigsaw scheme, 'Changing Me'. We will be discussing how babies grow, both inside and outside body changes and looking at family stereotypes. After half term, we will study the 'Healthy Me' topic where we will explore how to be fit and healthy, being drug aware and keeping ourselves safe.

P.E

P.E sessions will focus on improving hand eye coordination through bat and ball skills in tennis and cricket, and improving our football and fitness skills. 3HD will be swimming on a Thursday afternoon. 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.

Please ensure all items of PE kits are named and 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 animals, masculine and feminine nouns, and use the words for 'the', 'he', 'she' and 'it'. 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

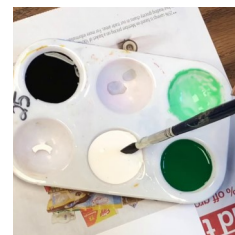
In Geography we will be looking in depth at rainforests. We will discover their locations and climates, layers, vegetation, animals, and natural resources. Then we will look at tribes and address the need for rainforest conservation.

Art and D&T

In Art, the children will be developing their art and design skills, learning to draw from observation and exploring the difference between a tint and a shade.



In Design and Technology, the children learn about seasonality and how the climate a food is grown in can alter the way it tastes. We will be making a crumble or tart using seasonal ingredients.



Science

This term our topic will be 'Plants' during which we will learn about the parts of a flowering plant through a series of investigations and explore factors that affect their growth, such as light and water. 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. In the final half term, we will study Christian liturgy, elements of the Bible, prayer and worship.

Dates for you diary

Class photos—Wednesday 4th of May 2022
Year group assembly—Friday 24th June 2022
Rainforest trip—TBC

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.

