

# Classroom News

## Summer 1 in Year 3...

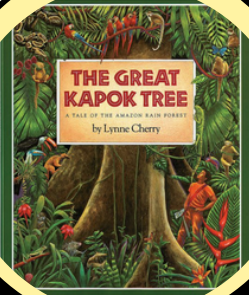


Welcome back! I hope you've had a great break and are ready to start our summer term! We've got some exciting topics to cover this term.

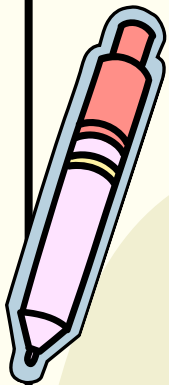
There has been a slight change to our PE timetable this term. PE will now take place on Thursday and Friday. Please note we have no Forest School lessons this half term.

As the weather improves, we will be going on the field for our breaktimes. Children can bring in trainers to wear instead of wellies or boots but please be aware that the grass may still be wet. Water-resistant materials are advised as fabric running shoes aren't suitable and they often result in soggy socks.

Please keep an eye out for spellings on Class Dojo and use TT Rockstars and [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) to brush up on multiplication facts.

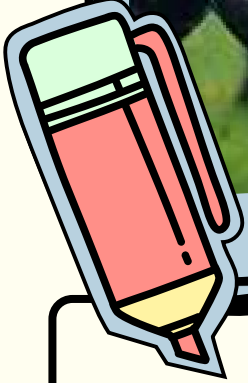
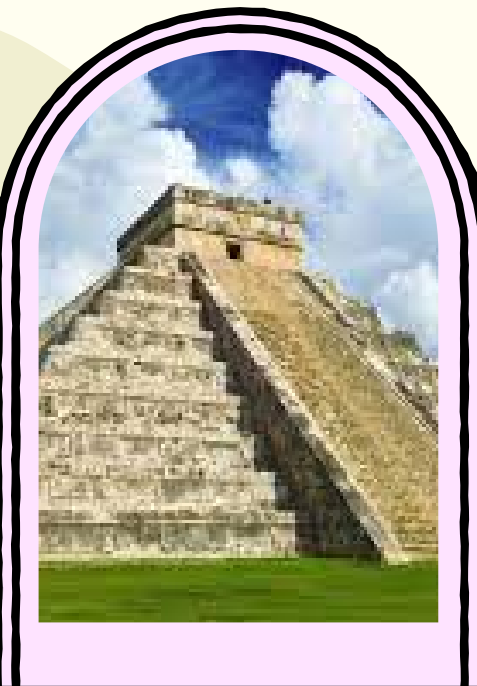


## English & Maths



English this term looks at the book 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The class will be getting into a debate about the choices that are made in the story as well as the ethics surrounding climate change, deforestation and the ecology of the rainforest. We'll be using our views and opinions to write our own dilemma narratives. Our main topic this term focuses on Mayan history, its culture and traditions and its people. The class will be creating presentations about their research into this fascinating part of world history.

This term, we are rounding off our work on mass and capacity – comparing scales, using standard units of measurement and using calculations to solve volume problems. With fractions, we are adding and subtracting fractions to solve calculations involving the same denominator. We're capping the half term off with problem solving involving money and testing the class to see if they can find the right change.



## PE

In PE, Mr Devivo and Miss Knight have rounders and dance lessons planned. While Mr Devivo takes rounders, giving the class chance to practise their catching and fielding, Miss Knight will be utilising her years of experience as a dance instructor to teach the class some brilliant routines - all set to some great Disney-inspired musical numbers in preparation for the Village Get Together.



## History

As previously mentioned, this term's topic is all about the Mayans. Year 3 will be looking into when the civilization of the Mayans started and what the lasting impact was throughout their history. We'll be looking forward to our Partake Day, on 24th April, as it will give the class first hand experiences in handling Mayan artefacts, creating glyphs, making original-recipe hot chocolate and we'll be rounding the day off with a game of Pok-A-Tok!

## PSHE

This term we are focusing on 'Being My Best'. Children will be exploring how they can better look after themselves and others. We'll be looking at healthy dinners, supporting our friends, keeping active with exercise, and looking after our mental health and well-being.



## RE

For Religious Education, it's all about the 'good news' as we are looking at the Gospel. We'll be exploring why the teachings and stories surrounding Jesus inform how Christians live their life today. We'll be discovering what the Bible meant when it said Jesus' disciples would become 'fishers of men' and we'll be looking into the morals and lessons learned from parables.

## SCIENCE

In Science this term, we are consolidating what we have learned so far in our previous topics and we'll be taking part in some fantastic experiments that investigate rocks, plants, forces and nutrition.



## MUSIC

Year 3 will be learning to create a composition to accompany an animated story. The class will take part in discussions about how music makes them feel. They'll create actions and movements for various styles of music. Look at dynamics and play in time to a soundscape. Finishing off, they will play melodies and rhythms to represent a short animation about mountains.

## COMPUTING

In computing this half term, Year 3 will be making video trailers. The class will learn how to record video and audio for their trailers. Then using software they will edit - adding music, titles and text.