

Summer in Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is some information regarding our summer terms in Year 3.

The School Day:

Our school day starts at 8:40am, your child will continue to walk around to the classroom door where they will enter the cloakroom via the outside door. Children will then put their belongings away, make their lunch choice on the board and then begin their morning work. Mrs Henson will be the class teacher on a Wednesday; Miss Knight will be in on all the other days.

At the end of the day, you will collect your child at 3:25pm on the bottom playground. Please ensure that the class teacher sees you with your child before leaving.

PE:

This term, PE will be on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Playtimes:

We will begin to have some playtimes on the field this term when weather permits! Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of shoes to wear on the field for playtimes, plus a healthy snack to eat at morning break.

Reading:

Please ensure your child has their reading diary in school every day. We will be counting the number of reads the children have done each week. It has been fantastic to see even more children achieve their reading awards last half term! We would encourage the children to read as much as they can at home as this skill will support all their other learning.

Spellings:

The children will be set a new set of spellings to practice each week. These will be sent home each term, plus they will have access to Spelling Shed, where they can access spelling games linked to their specific spellings each week. New spellings will be introduced on a **Thursday**, with a short quiz the following Tuesday. We will also be working on the spelling rules each week in class.

Times Tables:

The children have begun their times tables journey, and we will continue with our times table quiz on a **Thursday** this term. The order in which the times tables are learnt are, 10, 2, 5, 3, 4, 8, 6, 7, 9, 11 then finally 12. It is important that your child can answer questions in any order and in reverse.

Forest School:

We have Forest School sessions on a **Tuesday** again for the **first part** of Summer term. Please send your child into school in normal uniform with a small bag containing: Tracksuit bottoms or leggings, waterproof trousers to go over the bottoms or leggings, additional waterproof coat, warm top, hat, gloves and scarf or sun hat (depending on the weather!) Please also send in some waterproof shoes, if these are not already in school.

Please feel free to contact us via class dojo if you have any questions or concerns, alternatively please ring the school office.

Kind regards, Miss Knight and Mrs Henson

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English

To start the term, we will continue looking at our descriptive writing about Pompeii, this time writing about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. After this we will look at writing a non-chronological report about the Ancient Egyptians, plus writing a recount of our upcoming Egyptian Partake day.

In Summer 2, we will be exploring the book 'The Boy who grew dragons' and will revisit poetry.

The class will continue to refine and learn new grammar and punctuation techniques through our text inspired work and stand-alone lessons.

We will have a focused reading comprehension lesson each week, following the 'Complete Comprehension' scheme. As well as receiving a stand-alone spelling lesson each week to focus on spelling rules.

Maths

We start the new term continuing our work with Fractions. Ordering both unit and non-unit fractions, using them on number lines and applying this to scales. After this we will explore adding and subtracting fractions and then move onto a short topic about Money working in pounds and pence.

During the second half of the term, we will be learning about Shape and statistics. Spanning both halves of the term, on Wednesdays the children will be learning about Time.

Science

Our Science topic this term is Plants, looking at the question 'What makes plants grow and flourish?' This will be taught throughout both our Science and Forest Schools sessions. We will be looking at the functions of different parts of flowering plants, investigating what plants actually need to grow and looking at how seeds are dispersed in different ways.

RE

During the first part of this term, we are exploring the Gospel, 'What kind of World did Jesus want?' Children will learn what is meant by the term 'Fishers of people', look at stories that support the ideas of kindness and love and look at what Christians do today to follow Jesus.

In Summer 2, we will be looking at prayer, answering the question 'How do religious families and communities practice their faith?'

Geography

Our final Geography topic of the year will be taught in Summer 2. We will be looking at Climates and Biomes.

Learning the terminology used for each, exploring and researching different places across the globe with varying climates and biomes and understanding the pros and cons of living in different places.

History

The Ancient Egyptians is our History topic this term. The children will be exploring this topic in History and English lessons as well as taking part in an Egyptian Partake day where they will get to handle replica artifacts, learn about the spices used for different purposes and understand what would have happened in an Egyptian burial ceremony.

PSHE

In PSHE, we start the new term with our topic about Keeping Safe. The children will look at scenarios and decide if they are safe or unsafe, would be a danger or a risk, look at websites and whether we can trust them and then finally look at things that are helpful or harmful including medicines and cigarettes.

After half term, we will cover the topic of 'Growing and Changing'. This will explore relationships, both in person and online, knowledge about body space (personal space), the difference between secrets and surprises, the correct names of body parts and some basic first aid.

PE

This half term, the children will take part in some adventurous outdoor activities, looking at team work, communication and some orienteering, plus we will look at the skills involved in rounders. In the second half of the summer term, we will be doing athletics in preparation for sports day and gymnastics.

Music

This half term we will be exploring South American music and in Summer 2 we will be learning the songs and supporting Year 6 in their summer production.

Computing

This term, on a Thursday afternoon, Mr Clapham will be teaching the children how to create media – video trailers. We will then move onto coding using Scratch.

French

In French we will be continuing with our new scheme, in Year 3 we will be learning numbers, days of the week, colours and countries.

Art

After half term we will be exploring the topic of 'Sculpture – Festive Feasts'. Where children will learn how to work in 3D creating a final piece of a model of a food item of their choice.

DT

This half term, with Mr Clapham, the class will be designing and making their own Pasta Salads.

In Summer 2 we will revisit dragons, learning the basics of pneumatics and making our own moving Dragons.