



Year 3 Summer Term

Welcome back Year 3! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We hope you are ready for lots of new learning. We have so many exciting lessons and activities planned for you.

Dates for your diaries

Please watch out for information on newsletters, Teams or notes from your teachers to inform you of any future dates for your diary.

P.E. and P.E. kits

This term in P.E., the children will focus on dance and athletics. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school. Please check pumps, in particular, are the correct size for your child to ensure safety and comfort.

Homework

Homework is set on Teams every **Tuesday** and needs to be completed by the following **Monday**. Please contact us if you have difficulties with accessing Teams. Login details have been provided for any websites the children may need to use, however, please do get in touch if you have any problems logging in.

The homework will focus on maths basic skills. On occasion, we will also set optional homework which links to other areas of the curriculum.

We will now send paper copies of spellings home, but these do not need to be handed in as children will be tested on those spellings during the following week.

Children also need to read regularly, preferably daily. Please see the 'Reading' section for more information.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home each **Friday** in your child's reading folder. These are to be returned the following **Wednesday** (please note, we cannot send a new book home until the previous one is retuned). The children will have read, discussed and worked on this book for several days in school.

Children will continue to bring home a book to read for pleasure. Children are to return this on Wednesday along with the reading practice book.

Please remember to record any reading your child does at home in their reading record. This can include additional reading of their own books or magazines.

In addition to reading books, children will also be expected to continue to use Reading Plus as part of their homework. Reading Plus will continue to be monitored by staff.

Maths

In maths children will be focussing on fractions. They will learn about unit and non - unit fractions, tenths, fractions as numbers, equivalent fractions as well as how to find a fraction of an amount. Children will also learn about time, including how to tell the time to the nearest minute, calculate and compare time durations and converting between analogue and digital time. This term they will also be exploring the properties of shape and calculating angles as well as learning about mass and capacity. All of these topics will require children to be able to problem solve too, where they will need to read the question carefully and work out what operation it requires them to use.

English

In English pupils will be planning and writing lots of different text types. They will write myths and legend stories, a set of instructions, persuasive letters and participate in a debate. They will continue to develop their spelling, grammar and punctuation. The grammar lessons will focus on fronted adverbials, prepositions, conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs and how to use them in writing.

Science

This term the children will learn all about plants, finding out what plants need to survive. They will be able to describe the different parts of a plant and what their function is. They will investigate what a plant needs to flourish and be able to explain how water is transported around a plant. They will be able to name the different parts of a flower, explain their role in pollination and fertilisation and describe the different stages of the life cycle of a plant.

Our Wider Curriculum

As an artist your child will:

Learn to tie-dye.
Weave and sew to create a range of effects using fabric.
Personalise a t-shirt.

As a geographer your child will:

Learn to use eight points of a compass.
Build knowledge of the wider world and describe where rainforests are located.
Describe the location of the world's largest rainforests using the names of the continents and compass points.

As a designer your child will:

Study a design brief and carry out research.
Design a cushion.
Assemble a cushion using cross stitch.

Plot the worlds rainforests on a map.
Learn about the tribes that exist today in rainforests.

Children will use skills from English and maths by:

Working collaboratively in groups to create a presentation to answer the big question which will be presented to the class.

Use compasses to describe the location of rainforests.

Understand how animals have to adapt to survive the harsh climate of a rainforest.

Research and learn about deforestation.

Make comparisons with the plants and animals found here to those found in a rainforest.

Computing

To be able to learn how to use computer technology safely.

How to email and code.

R.E. and P.S.H.E.

Our R.E. focus this term is being honest, open and truthful and why it is important to be quiet, think and be courageous?

In P.S.H.E. the focus will be how to be our best selves and getting along with others.

Music

Children will continue to learn how to play the djembe African drums with a specialist teacher from the Music Service. They will learn about rhythm, tempo, composition and performing in groups.

Vocabulary you could help your children to learn at home:

emergent	longitude	latitude	humidity	extinct
understory	nourishment	endangered	species	OS maps
forest floor	deforestation	indigenous	population	climate
canopy	Norther hemisphere	Southern hemisphere	Tropic of Cancer	Tropic of Capricorn