

Happy Summer Term! The children have come back to school with a positive attitude and great enthusiasm. Here is an overview of the areas we are covering this term in different subjects. I will continue to send spellings home on a Thursday for a test the following Wednesday. We will also continue our Super Speedy maths challenge with a weekly test on Friday. I will let you know which facts to focus on via email. Please continue to encourage your children to read daily at home and sign their reading records to show they have done this. Developing reading stamina and wider reading is really important at their age! Thanks for all your support! Mrs Redmayne

English

In English this half-term, we are continuing to read the graphic novel "Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx" and will write descriptions and riddles linked to this. We will then use "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes as our reading and writing focus. Next half-term, we will read "The Lost Words", "The Great Kapok Tree" and "The Wild Robot" as we learn about the rainforest and the environment. We will also investigate some classic poems by R.L. Stevenson and W.H. Auden and write some poems of our own. We will focus on developing sentence structure throughout. We will also continue to practise joined handwriting.

Maths

In maths we are looking at some simple equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We will practise adding and subtracting money and converting between pence and pounds. Later on we will focus length (learning about the equivalent mm, cm and m) and finding the perimeter of simple shapes. Throughout the term, we will continue to practise written methods for the 4 operations (+, x and ÷). Mrs Ventress will teach the class maths on a Monday focusing on mass and capacity including kilogrammes and grammes, litres and millilitres. She will also recap some of the tricky areas of time.

R.E.

Mrs Ventress will teach R.E. on a Monday afternoon. This term we will be thinking about rules and commandments in "Which rules should we follow?" and then The Lord's Prayer.

Year 3 Summer Term

Pharaohs and Pyramids

Wonders of the Rainforest

Key Vocabulary Egyptian,

Pyramid, Mummification, River Nile, Hieroglyphics, Archaeologist, Evidence, Artefacts, Tropical, Temperate, Canopy, Deforestation, Life Cycle (plants), Pollination, Seed Dispersal, Stigma, Stamen

Science

Mrs Dowson will continue to teach the class science on a Friday afternoon. For the whole term we will be focusing on plants: revising the parts of plants and learn about their functions through practical investigations and then focusing on the anatomy of flowers and the life cycle of a flowering plant. We will carry out some investigations into plant growth in different conditions.

Art & DT

This half-term, we will be creating moving toys in DT using pneumatics. Our art focus after half-term is mainly linked to the Rainforest topic. We will be looking at botanical art and artists such as Henri Rousseau, and take inspiration for our own collages. We will make careful observations, mix different tints, shades and tones of colour.

History We continue to learn about the Egyptians for the first half-term, learning about the pyramids, mummification, the tomb of Tutankhamun and Egyptian writing and maths. We have an Egyptian Day including a workshop.

Geography In geography after half-term we will learn about forests around the world, starting with investigating our local woodlands and then moving onto learning about tropical Rainforests across the world.

French In French we will continue with numbers, learning them up to 50. We will also practise the French alphabet. After half-term we will read a simple story and learn some new vocabulary linked to animals from this. We will use French instructions and phrases across other subjects too.

PE This half-term we are doing dances linked to our history topic and then the story of the Iron Man. In PE we will focus first on athletics, invasion games and some simple orienteering.

Computing We will be learning about databases. We will use them to find information out and add records. After half term, we will be creating and editing audio podcasts.

Wider Curriculum

Intrasports

Egyptian Day (1st May). Children can dress up if they want!

Bowling with Coach Dan

Sports Day

Trip to Williamson Park

Values

Thankfulness

Reverence/Respect