

**Summer 1 2021**  
**Curriculum Newsletter for Parents**  
**Year 3 Class teachers - Mrs Hadley and Miss Whitfield**

Dear Parent,

Your child will be working on the following curriculum during this half-term. Please feel free to email [yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk) if you have any queries.

**Mathematics**

In Maths, we will continue to support the children with their times tables, as it is a vital skill for them to have, allowing them multiply and divide much larger numbers. This half term, we will be introducing new topics. These important topics include Measuring, Fractions and Geometry. Children will get an opportunity to perfect their measuring skills that they may have forgotten or need more support with. The emphasis will not only be on accuracy, but the ability to select the right equipment and add measurements together.

Another new topic will be Fractions. At this point, we will revise old skills and introduce new ones. The children will need to be able to identify and calculate fractions. Therefore, a good working knowledge of their times tables will definitely help.

In Geometry we will be looking at the 'Properties of Shape and introducing technical vocabulary that they will need to know.

Please make sure your child revises their times tables at home. Little and often is best; allow your child to be very confident with the times table that they are working on before moving onto the next. The internet has a wide variety of support material that may be of use to you. We may be giving times table tests at various intervals to check their progress.

For homework, we are looking at a variety of methods, from units on the Mathletics scheme, to worksheets on Google Classroom, as well as their Maths homework book. Homework will continue to be weekly and hard copies are available for those who have no access to Google Classroom. Please see us if you have any concerns.

**English**

In English we will be reading a new book together, 'Gregory Cool'. We will use this book to investigate inferences, character descriptions, narratives and acting in role.

This half term, we will learn about the following grammatical items:

- Direct speech, particularly inverted commas
- Tenses
- Word families

In addition to this, our attention will be focused on practising comprehension questions. We will be learning the techniques and skills needed to answer these questions effectively.

Every Monday the children will be given spellings to learn, which will be stuck in their reading records. There will be a spelling test on these words on the Friday, so it is important the children practise at home.

**Computing**

In this half term, the children will learn about Touch Typing using support packages on Purple Mash. We will continue to support them with their E-Safety. Hopefully, the children should find this a fun and enjoyable topic.

**Science**

This half term we will be learning about 'Movement and Feeding'. The children will be learning that animals (including humans) need the right nutrition to be healthy, and they will investigate a balanced diet. By working scientifically, the children will examine the similarities and difference between us, and pose investigative questions. They will use evidence to answer questions and draw simple conclusions with confidence and accuracy. We will be setting up simple, practical activities for them to investigate. This should be an exciting topic.

**P.E**

In PE, Year 3 the children will be continuing with their physical exercise scheme as swimming will be delayed until further notice. Where there are opportunities, we will be teaching them outside. This half term they will be participating in Team Games and Athletics.

**Music**

This half term, we will be following the curriculum where possible, and learning songs around the theme, 'Bring us together'. This disco song is about peace, hope and unity.

**PSHE**

This half term, we will continue with the Jigsaw PSHE learning scheme, focusing on relationships. These PSHE lessons will give an opportunity for the children to think deeply about the special people in their lives.

**MFL (French)**

We will be learning and recapping basic French phrases from last half term where possible. Moving forward, we will be learning how to respond to a French story, learn more about colours and numbers and, lastly, we will learn how to ask and answer questions about age in French. Where there are opportunities, we will be supporting the children with their aural language.

**Geography**

In Geography, we will be exploring the physical side with our new topic on 'Volcanoes' The children will be expected to look at volcanoes around the world and discover how they are formed, as well as the positive and negative effects of an eruption. This will be linked to our Art Curriculum where we will be using different painting techniques to paint a volcanic eruption.

**Art/DT**

Art this term will be focussed on supporting our RE and Geography topics by creating windmills and painting Volcanoes. The theme this term is on painting, with using various techniques including colour mixing. Please feel free to send in an old shirt or apron to protect your child's clothes. We hope they enjoy this topic.

**Class Assemblies or trips:**

Information to come. Due to the pandemic we, unfortunately, won't be able to do any school trips until further notice.