



Year Three

Summer Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good Easter break. As we are now underway with the summer term, we would like to update you about what your child will be doing for the rest of their time in Year 3.

The teaching staff for the Year 3 team are as follows:

Mrs Brunskill - Class teacher

Mrs Dent- TA

Mr Smurthwaite -Class teacher

Mrs Gibson - TA

Mr Elliot Berry (P.E) and Mr Newton (Music)

Curriculum coverage:

In English, we will be following the National Curriculum's objectives, exploring a range of genres through our topic based learning. In the first half term, our topic will be **Scientists and Inventors** and in the second half term, our topic will be **Stone Age**. Linked to these topics, we will be providing a range of writing opportunities through our English work, including narrative, diary entries, instructional writing, newspaper articles, letters and persuasive writing. SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) will be taught in both discrete lessons and as part of the English session. Children will continue to benefit from daily guided reading sessions as well as our 'Drop Everything and read' scheme.

In Maths the children will work on objectives from the new national curriculum. The emphasis is on using a variety of approaches to solve problems and to increase accuracy and efficiency as well as explain their thinking and processes. It will primarily focus on fractions, measures and geometry. We will be focussing on developing their understanding of fluency, as well as providing opportunities for challenge and reasoning their mathematical understanding. Children will find that having a secure knowledge of multiplication facts (times tables) will be very useful, which may be something you would like to continue to support them with at home. Due to missed schooling during the last academic year, we are aware that there may be 'gaps' to address. We will build this learning into our lessons to ensure the foundations for maths is firm and well understood before moving on.

In Science we will use a wide range of approaches to develop scientific skills in general and will look specifically at applying these through studying and investigating. Our topic during the first half term is Scientists and Inventors, where we will be learning about people of significance to our scientific understanding, linking to previous topics. We will then move onto Plants.

Computing is used to support the wider curriculum and through developing skills following the Trust's scheme of learning. The children will be learning about digital footprints as well as how these can be kept safe. The children will also be given opportunities to become familiar with a variety of software programs.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday morning from DF coaching and will be outdoors (weather permitting). Children are encouraged to continue to wear comfortable clothing as we will be taking every opportunity to work outdoors as the weather begins to improve again.

Our RE topic, which is in the second half of the term, will focus on Islam. We will look at Islamic sacred texts, places of worship and holy festivals, especially Ramadan and Eid.

Our DT and art work are based around our Scientist and Inventors and Stone Age topics. In the first half of term, we will be using the work of Georgia O'Keefe to inspire our art work. We will then investigate cave paintings and early sculpture and architecture.

Our work to promote Social and Emotional aspects of learning will focus on 'Relationships' and 'Changes.' Circle Time and thinking skills sessions also provide opportunities to develop understanding of a wide range of issues.

For music, the children will be taught by Mr Newton, a specialist teacher. Their work will cover musical terminology, notation and then applying this through learning a musical instrument.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent via Parentmail and submitted via Class Dojo. We will continue to celebrate this learning with the children and we thank you for continuing to support your child in this.

Reading - We ask that pupils read regularly at home. Your child should still be bringing home their reading record and each time your child reads to an adult or family member, please continue to sign their book as evidence of this.

Other information.

Could you please make sure the children have a healthy snack and water for Prime Time? The water bottle should have a sport style lid to minimise spillage if it should accidentally be knocked over.

We look forward to a very productive term. If you need to contact us for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Remember, we are eager to start your child's learning each morning, so after school or via the school office, would be preferable.

Thank you,

Mrs Brunskill and Mr Smurthwaite.