



Year 3

Newsletter

Summer Term

2022

Dear Parents and Children

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break, and that the children are ready to start the new term with enthusiasm. This leaflet gives a brief overview of the topics and activities taking place during this term.

English

At the beginning of this term, we continue our work on speech, and the children will be writing a short play script about how they have been affected by the pandemic. Some of this work will be incorporated into the scripts for Tuesday's film club. In our non-fiction unit we will be studying authors and letters and in particular the work of Quentin Blake. We will also be writing and performing poetry. In addition, spelling, grammar and handwriting will be taught each week.

Maths

This term we will be applying and consolidating the children's knowledge from the previous terms. This includes place value and carrying out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. In our measurement units, we will be measuring length, mass, capacity and time. In geometry, we will study the properties of 2-and 3-D shapes. In statistics we will draw and interpret charts and pictograms. Our particular areas of focus are on fluency of number bond calculations, rapid recall of times tables, telling the time and ability to apply previous knowledge to solve problems.

Science

Firstly, we will be finishing our work on plant life cycles. Then we will be studying rocks and fossils. We will compare different kinds of rocks and find out how

fossils are formed. We will also find out the composition of different types of soils.

Our principal aim is that the children will broaden their scientific view of the world around them and develop their scientific vocabulary.

History and Geography

In history, we will study the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This will include: late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers (Skara Brae); Bronze Age religion and travel (Stonehenge); and Iron Age hill forts and culture.

In geography, we will carry out a local focused enquiry on the use of technology. The children will have the opportunity to develop their map reading skills and to produce their own maps and plans. This will also be carried out digitally, linking with our computing topics.

Computing

Mrs Newman will cover the class on Wednesday afternoons and will be teaching Computing starting with stop-frame animation.

Art and DT

In art we be drawing figures and looking at the work of Quentin Blake. We will also converting our 2D drawings into 3D models. In DT, we will produce replica weapons and implements related to our history topic.

PE

Outdoor PE lessons will be take place on Wednesday afternoon, taught by Mrs Newman, while Indoor PE will be on Thursdays. PE for this term will include cricket,

rounders and athletics. At the end of the term, we may be having swimming lessons. These will replace one of the PE sessions for the week.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day and includes shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers and appropriate clothing for outdoor use.

Music

We will study basic music theory so the children can use and understand musical notations. The class will also have weekly ukulele lessons with Mrs Andrews.

RE, PSHE and French

Mrs Sawcer will cover the class on Monday afternoons and is carrying on with RE and PSHE and conversational French relating to Ancient Britain.

Homework

Ideally your child should read every day. If your child's reading record is signed by an adult at least 3 times a week, your child will receive a merit.

Spellings are sent home on Thursdays and are tested the following Wednesday. The children are aware which times tables they should be learning and they can practise on TTRS. Times tables tested on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful term in Year 3. If you have any questions or you would like any further information, please send a message to the office.

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