

Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back after the half-term holiday. We are looking forward to another exciting half term in Year 3!

English

We will be reading a variety of books by Anthony Browne and focusing on his book called 'The Tunnel'. We will use this book as inspiration to write stories from a different character's point of view.

You can help your child to succeed in English by:

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly and discussing the text and asking them questions;
- Helping them to learn their spellings at the weekend before their spelling test on Mondays.

Maths

In Maths we will focus on fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions and then looking at unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects. Later on in the half-term we will be looking at money, converting pounds into pence and adding and subtracting. Finally, we will finish the half term focusing on time where we will start off by looking at Roman numerals to 12 and then telling the time on an analogue clock to 5 minutes past and to the hour. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge on year 3 times tables.

You can help your child to succeed in Maths by:

- Practicing times tables and division facts with your child for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables;
- Giving your child the opportunity to use Times Tables Rockstars at home;
- Supporting your child with their Maths homework.

Design Technology - Bridges

The children will have the opportunity to research one of the most famous bridge engineers Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They will look at bridges he created focusing on the design and functionality of each bridge. This will lead into the children designing a functional bridge as a group. Children will be given the opportunity to practice joining skills during the make of their bridge. Once their product is complete, children will test its functionality adding weight and compare it to their design.

Geography - The United Kingdom

The children will locate the four countries of the United Kingdom and look at key physical and human features of each UK country. Children will explore the counties of the UK and the location of cities and capital cities.

PSHE

We will be identifying society and equality by celebrating differences. The children will look at similarities and differences between themselves and others. Pupils will recognise that they have shared interests and experiences with others in their class as well as with people in the wider world. They will understand that peers might be similar or different to each other but can play or work together. Pupils will then learn about what is meant by community, recognising some of the different groups or communities they belong to and their role within them.

Science

The children will name the functions of different parts of flowering plants as well as describe their functions. The children will then explore how water is transported through a plant, using coloured water to show how water moves from the roots and out of the leaves of a plant. Finally, the children will look at the function of flowers in the life cycle of a plant, looking at the necessity of pollinators in the reproduction of plants.

P.E. and Physical Activity

This half term the children will be doing athletics on Thursdays. Please make sure PE kits are in school on Monday and they have the correct footwear. Now the weather is getting warmer we will be going out to do our daily skipping so appropriate footwear such as pumps and trainers will be needed.

RE

The children will learn about creation stories from different religions and what they tell us about our world. We will explore the creation stories from Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Sikhism and the children will consider how these stories have impacted upon the faiths in the past, and how relevant they are today. It will allow the children to compare and contrast the different creation stories.

Computing - Media

The children will be taking and collating images and uploading them and editing them to present a slideshow.

French

The children will be starting to write basic sentences in French as well as learning the names of healthy and unhealthy food.

Homework

- Topic/English homework will be given every Friday and should be handed in by the following Monday.
- Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be completed and handed in by Friday.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school including PE kit. Also, please make sure that all items of school uniform are labeled with your child's name so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. **School shoes should be black or grey.**

Water Bottles

During summer terms our classrooms get very warm, please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle every day. We have a water fountain in the classroom for them to fill up during the day.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school attendance target is 97%. The children are working very hard to make sure that each class in Year 3 meets this target. Please remember that the school doors open at 8.45. Any child who arrives after 8:55 is classed as late. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for your diary:

15th April - Eid celebration day

22nd April - Earth Day

6th May - Bank holiday

24th May - Last day of term

Mrs. Scarfe, Miss. Valencia, Mrs. Flory, Miss Costello, Mrs Sandhu and Mrs Harding