



Year Three Summer Term Curriculum Letter

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.

Our main topics this term consist of **The Tin Forest**, **Sport** and **Chocolate**.

Teaching staff:

Mrs Brunskill & Mr Smurthwaite (Class teachers)

Mr Tommy Andrews (P.E) and Mr Newton (music)

Curriculum coverage:

In English, we will be linking our learning to our topic work. In the first term, we will study the book 'The Tin Forest' and focus our story writing on this. We will also look at sporting texts and write some biographies about sporting heroes. We will teach spelling, punctuation and grammar within the main English lesson and the children will continue to benefit from daily guided reading sessions.

In Maths, the children will work on objectives from the 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. 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 support them with at home. Please note - time is a difficult concept for some children to grasp so any support at home would be appreciated e.g. asking your child questions about the time, reading timetables/T.V. schedules. Children will be developing the use of more formal written methods in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In the later part of the term, they will be focusing on measure, statistics and geometry.

Our Science topics consist of 'Skeletons' and 'Nutrition and Exercise'. Through these, we will use a wide range of approaches to develop scientific skills and knowledge in practical contexts.

Computing skills are taught through using the 'Switched on Computing' scheme of work. In this final term, the children will cover two topics: 'We are Presenters' and 'We are Network Engineers'. Children will also continue to learn about e-safety.

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.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning with Tommy from DF coaching and will be outdoors (weather permitting). This term, the focus of these sessions will be athletics, football and tennis. The session that takes place on Monday afternoons, will look at dance and team games, such as rounders. Swimming will continue this term and more information will be sent nearer the time.



Our work to promote Social and Emotional aspects of learning will focus on relationships, keeping safe and the Anti-bullying agenda. Circle Time sessions also provide opportunities to develop an understanding of a wide range of issues relevant to the class.

We will continue to develop our approach to Modern Foreign Languages by providing regular French lessons. We are using a scheme provided by North Yorkshire, which encourages speaking, reading and some writing in French.

For music, the children are taught by Mr Newton, a specialist teacher. Their work will continue to look at musical terminology, notation and the application of this through learning to play the ukulele.

Homework

Homework will continue to be completed in your child's homework book. Please make sure your child completes their homework using a pencil - no biro, coloured pens or coloured pencils, please.

Homework grid - A half-termly grid of activities will be given out. Each child is required to choose and complete one activity a week, which is to be handed in on a Thursday. The homework books will be given back to your child on Fridays.

Spellings - Spellings will be sent out each week. These might consist of learning a rule, which can then be applied, or a set of specified words. Spelling homework will be sent out on a Friday and tested the following Friday in our spelling session.

Reading - We ask that pupils read regularly at home. Each time your child reads to an adult or family member, please remember to sign their reading log as a record of this.

We look forward to a very productive term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Brunskill and Mr Smurthwaite

