



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Welcome back – I hope you all feel rested and refreshed after the Easter break. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting events and activities going on in the final term of the year.

Forest School

Our first topic of the half term is Forest School. The children have already begun taking part in this exciting series of lessons which allow children to explore their natural environment, learn practical skills and take part in some active experiences outside of the classroom. I know both groups have really enjoyed the sessions so far and are look forward to more sessions outside in the summer term.

As a reminder, children should come to school on these Tuesday mornings wearing suitable clothes for being outside whatever the weather. In particular, they must have long trousers – shorts are not ideal when walking through long grass, even if it may be sunny and hot.

Two additional adults will be needed for each Brandy Hole session. We have not, as yet, had any volunteers to help with Group 2's sessions – if you are able to help between 9 and 12 on these dates, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see me or contact the school office if you are available. The remaining Forest School dates are as follows:

	Group 1 Ash and Beech	Group 2 Maple and Oak
Tuesday 30th April	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday 7th May	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday 14th May	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday 21st May	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday 4th June	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday 11th June	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday 18th June	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday 25th June	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday 2nd July	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse

Ancient Greece

Our second topic for the summer, starting after half term, will be Ancient Greece. We will have the opportunity to find out about this fascinating civilisation which was the birthplace to many things we still recognise and use to this day, like the alphabet, democracy and the Olympic Games. As part of Ancient Greece topic, we will be hosting a Greek themed dress-up day on Wednesday 26th June, where we will be joined by local history expert Paul Ullson – I would greatly appreciate your help in organising a costume for your child on this day to help us immerse ourselves in our learning.

P.E.

In the summer term, we will be taking part in cricket, athletics and rounders during our PE sessions. Our lessons will continue to be held on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday mornings. It is, however, useful to have PE kit in school all week from Monday morning, as the children may need them for clubs and occasionally for ad-hoc sporting activities at different points during the week. We do have an increasing number of children who do not have the correct kit with them – although we do have spares in school to ensure that everyone can take part, this isn't ideal. Please take the opportunity to double check that your child's PE kit contains a top, pair of shorts, and trainers that fit ahead of the summer term.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include school reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We will begin to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Reading comment books will continue to be used to record reading progress – we really appreciate your continued effort here. Please encourage your child to put their reading comments book and reading book back in their book bags each night so that they are available during the school day.

Home learning

A home learning task will be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Tuesday and due in again the following Monday. Additional copies of the homework, if required, are left in folders in the classroom. Occasionally you may wish to add a comment on to your child's homework if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will also be given out and tested every Tuesday. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

Year 3 Diary Dates

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May – Whole school Maths week

Friday 24th May – Open afternoon for parents (2pm)

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half term

Friday 14th June – Sports Day

Thursday 20th June – ‘Jessie’s Got Talent’

Wednesday 26th June – Greek day with Paul Ullson (including Greek costumes)

Friday 5th July – Summer Fair

Friday 11th July – KS2 disco (4:30pm – 6pm)

Friday 19th July – Final school day of the year

I know that this is going to be another exciting term and Mrs McGurk and I have already really enjoyed working with everybody again. If you have any concerns or questions, please come in and see me at the end of the school day, or telephone the office to make an appointment if it is more convenient.

Best wishes,

Mr. Vass

Y3 class teacher