



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 learning and activities planned for the final months of the year. I'm optimistic that this term will start to see the return of much of our 'normal' school life, with small phased assemblies, visitors and much more now possible. We are also hopeful that we may be able to share a class assembly with you this term as well.

Forest School

Our first topic of the term is 'Plants, Parks and 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 looking 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. They will need their normal school uniform to change into ready for the afternoon.

The dates for each group have been slightly adjusted to enable both groups to get the maximum number of sessions off-site at Brandy Hole Copse. The new schedule is:

	Group 1	Group 2
	Maple and Beech	Ash and Oak
Tuesday April 20th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday April 27th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday May 4th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday May 11th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Tuesday May 18th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday May 25th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
<i>(Half term)</i>		
Tuesday June 8th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse

Tuesday June 15th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Tuesday June 22nd	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 9th 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.

Our PE lessons will continue to be held on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please remember that we are no longer asking pupils to come in wearing PE kit on these days, but instead to bring their PE kit into school to get changed into. Although the PE kit was relaxed across the school while clothes shops were shut, please aim to return to our 'normal' PE kit of a white t-shirt and dark shorts from now on. Pupils are welcome to keep their PE kit in school across the week if this is kept in a separate bag. We will ensure these are taken home on a Friday to be washed.

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 are beginning 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.

Home learning

From next week, we will resume setting a weekly home learning task across the school. This will typically be 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 is due in again the following Tuesday. Rather than having this emailed in, we will now ask for physical copies to be returned to school. Additional copies of the home learning, if required, are left in folders in the classroom – pupils can pick these up for themselves if needed, or you can ask for a copy before or after school. 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.

Miss Akehurst

We are fortunate to be joined this term by Miss Akehurst, a student from the University of Chichester. She is training to be a teacher and will qualify in September. She will be working with the children throughout the week individually and in groups, and will be leading some of the whole-class teaching for Y3 this term.

Year 3 Diary Dates

Friday 30th April – Plastic Free Friday

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

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Friday 28th May – Plastic Free Friday

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half term

Monday 7th June – Inset day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 9th June – Greek day with Paul Ullson (including Greek costumes)

Friday 25th June – Plastic Free Friday

Friday 23rd July – Final school day of the year

I know that this is going to be another exciting term and Miss Akehurst, Mrs. Walker, Miss Lomax and I have already really enjoyed working with everybody again. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to email me at Donald.vass@JYS.org.uk.

Best wishes,

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Y3 class teacher