

Year 3 Summer Term

Curriculum Overview

English

We will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts during the summer term. Throughout the term, children will have the opportunity to complete extended pieces of writing to practise the process of planning, drafting and making improvements to their own work as well as their peers. Writing will also be developed through the curriculum. Focus areas for writing this term will be persuasive letters, diary recounts and dialogue. The text we will be reading in English lessons is 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo and 'The Promise' by Nicola Davis.

Guided reading will continue to take place each day and home reading books will be allocated to each pupil for regular reading at home. Children will be working on a class text during guided reading sessions as well as isolated extracts. Our class text for this term is 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo, 'Killer Plants and Other Green Gunk' by Anna Claybourne, Please remember to record any reading in your child's reading record where possible. Online Books continue to be set for additional reading options for individual children.

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) will be also be taught throughout English lessons. There is a huge emphasis on spelling in the year 6 SATs and we want to prepare the children well in advance therefore it is crucial that children are learning their spellings at home each week. Spellings will have a specific rule to follow each week and there will be a weekly test for the home spellings each Friday. Phonics intervention lessons will also take place daily for those children who need it to be able to close any gaps in their knowledge.

Handwriting will be practised throughout the week in school with the focus letter joins changing regularly. Your child will have the opportunity to earn a handwriting pen which will be given out by Mrs Crozier and Mrs Higham-Jones. When I feel your child is ready for a pen they will have to prove to Mrs Crozier and Mrs Higham-Jones that their handwriting is consistently neat with the correct joins across all subjects. Handwriting pens can also be taken away from children if their handwriting becomes inconsistent.

Maths

The topics that will be covered in maths during the autumn term are:

- ✓ Fractions
- ✓ Mass and Capacity
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Length and perimeter
- ✓ Shape

Throughout lessons, children will explore reasoning and problem solving to help them to develop a deeper understanding of maths within each unit. Mental arithmetic opportunities will be given daily (4 days per week) and this will focus on all four calculations.

Each child has been given a Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) login which they can use at home for free. They will also be able to practise their maths recall through their Numbots account which was introduced to them last year. Year 3 have a weekly tournament set up on TTRS to compete with year 4 for who scores the most point when they play. Please make use of this facility as it is available on a range of devices including laptops, desktop computers, ipads, android tablets, mobile phones etc. It is FREE for you to use with the log in we have provided you with.

History

Our Summer term topic will be the Ancient Egyptians. The children will revisit their understanding of what BC and AD are. They will also be finding out about life in Ancient Egypt and comparing it to modern life today.

Geography

In geography we will be finding out about the Planet Earth with foci on climate including the polar regions and the tropics, and volcanoes.

Art

For this term we will be focussing on 3D art and using Modroc to create our own sculptures. Sketch book skills will be practised in addition to the art lesson during one registration period each week.

Design and Technology

After half term, Children will be exploring structures and designing packaging for a purpose. We will end the Term with a day of cooking and nutrition.

Science

During this term, children will be continuing to learn how plants grow from seeds to plants followed by a topic on Light and Shadows. These lessons will be extending on the children's knowledge of concepts that they learnt about during their previous years within the school. They will begin to write scientific reports about what they have learnt with the experiments we do in class. This will be good practise for further report writing that will be completed in later years. We will have lots of opportunities to practise practical skills in both of these units of study.

French

Children will learn to pronounce, write and read French vocabulary. They will continue looking at and revising basic French words and phrases. Children will engage with language through catchy songs and illustrated stories.

PE

PE will be led by our coaches and will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Children need to continue to come to school in tracksuits as they will not be getting changed in school. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child arrives to school on these days in tracksuits as PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. **Ear-rings MUST be removed or covered with plasters provided from home. All other jewellery or watches must be removed or covered appropriately and safely.** Please check with us if you are not sure.

Music

Children will be continuing to learn how to play the trumpet as a class with tuition from Miss Churchill. Trumpets are provided by the school and following the completion of a form these can be brought home to practise. We hope to perform a few pieces for all parents by the end of the year.

RE

This term the children will be exploring concepts from the Islamic faith.

PSHE

To begin the new term the focus in PSHE will be based on the theme of 'Relationships'. We will then move onto learning about 'Changing Me' after half term.

Computing

This term the children will be learning how to create codes and simple programmes using scratch online. You can access this free resource here: <https://scratch.mit.edu/> and investigating data handling with branching databases.

Homework

Homework will be handed out each Monday and will be expected to be returned on Friday mornings.

As the weather warms up the classroom can become quite warm so please can you also ensure that your child brings a refillable, drinks bottle to school with them every day.

If you have any questions or concerns about year 3 please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Mrs Whitehurst and Miss Blunn