

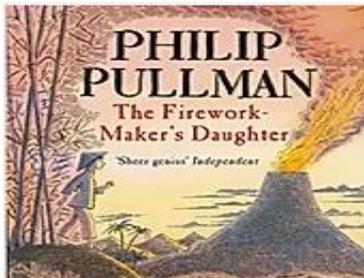
## **Year 3 Summer 1 Newsletter 2021**

### **East Meets West**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Time flies when you're having fun! Year 3 had a lot of fun reading 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura, through the topic of 'Settlers', but now it is time to start our new topic!

Our curriculum topic this term in Year 3 is '**East meets West.**' Children will study the Geography and History of some countries in the East.



*Our class reader for this topic will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.*

#### **PSHCE:**

Our SEAL topics this term include, **Good to be me.** This topic develops the children spiritually. It focuses on children building their confidence by identifying positive aspects about themselves, and in others.

#### **Promoting British Values:** **Mutual Respect:**

In Year 3, we will be comparing and contrasting cultures, attitudes and ways of life between the East and the West. We will discuss and explore ideas such as, 'what can we learn from each other and how do we show respect?'

#### **Geographers**

As Geographers, we will aim to understand and compare the similarities and differences of the UK and China, through the study of human and physical geography.

#### **Historians**

As Historians, children will be exploring when and where the first civilisation of China appeared, known as the Shang Dynasty. We will be investigating what the settlement around the Yellow River Plain was like and how the Shang farmers provided food for their society.

#### **Artists and Design Technologists**

In Art and Design, children will be studying the work of Katsushika Hokusai. After which, they will be imitating, 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa'. Then, they will be looking at the work of the Middle Eastern Artist, Mohammed Ehsai, who is an Iranian painter and calligrapher. Finally, they will be exploring and painting cherry blossom trees and Japanese symbols and calligraphy.



*In Art, we studied cave paintings from the Stone Age and replicated them.*

#### **Spiritual Thinkers**

This term, we will be exploring our big question, 'how do faith communities demonstrate what is sacred?' by identifying, researching and studying sacred books in the religions, Islam, Christianity and Sikhism.

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### **Musicians**

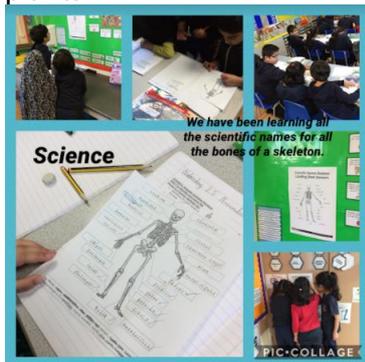
As Musicians, the children will use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and chanting rhymes. They will play tuned and un-tuned instruments. The children will have opportunities to listen with concentration and understand a range of high-quality live and recorded music.

### **Linguists**

As linguists, in French, we will be focusing on dialogue, reading poems and exploring homes and furniture, as well as adjectives for description.

### **Scientists**

This term in Science, we will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of a flowering plant. We will also be exploring the requirements of a plant for life and growth, by considering the amount of air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and the room they need to grow. Furthermore, children will be provided with the opportunity to investigate and observe how water is transported within plants.



### **Health & Fitness**

The children enjoyed playing Netball last term. We will continue to develop their fitness and stamina through invasion games and skipping.

Year 3 will have PE on Monday and Thursday, this half term.

Now for some more exciting news! As a school, we will be involved in the project, Skip into Summer. We are working in partnership with Yorkshire Sport Foundation and the West Yorkshire School Games team. The aim of this project is to inspire and engage your children to get active and have fun, and to create sustainable activity levels and boost self esteem, confidence and overall well being.

As we will try to work outside as much as possible, please can we ensure warm jumpers and black trainers are worn on Mondays and Thursdays.

### **Forth coming events**

Yr 3 Pedestrian Training –  
**Wednesday 26 May 2021**  
Parent's Consultations

### **Remote learning**

We will continue our remote learning using Google Classroom on a Friday afternoon.

Children can also use this time to practice times tables and reading skills.

### **Finally...**

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. The school/home partnership plays an extremely important role in your child's progress and their learning journey. We have had a successful year so far, and I would like to take this time to thank you for all the help you gave to the children during the lockdown. It was a strange time for everyone, however, Year 3 worked very hard and produced lots of good quality work.

I am very proud of all the children!

😊 Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 3 team.