

Year 3 Newsletter - Summer term (2) 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you had a great Half Term holiday and enjoyed the sunshine.

This second half term is seven weeks (six and a bit) long and we have a lot of fun learning ahead of us!

Here is an outline of the curriculum topics we will be covering:

Literacy: During this term, we are going to focus on how to write a story. We will look closely at each of the elements (e.g. characters, setting etc.), basing fun activities around each one. Mind mapping is also a skill we will be exploring further in this subject, with the emphasis on it being a very useful learning tool in any subject.

Maths: We have just assessed how much we can remember of the topic 'Time'. Next we will develop our understanding of decimals, which will prepare us for the topic 'Measures'. After that, we are going to wonder into the realm of geometry - 3D shapes - and finish our adventure with problem solving involving the 4 operations.

Science: The 'Plants' unit, we are studying at the moment, will teach the class many aspects including the different parts of a plant and the jobs they do. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need in order to grow well, and will present their findings to their classmates. Furthermore, we will have the chance to predict what will happen in an exciting investigation into the transportation of water within plants. We will work in a hands-on way to identify the parts of a flower, and will explore the different stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

Geography: During this unit, children will take a look at the geography of the UK - from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made administrative regions and counties. They will find out how the UK has changed over time, looking at how London grew and how the population of the UK, as a whole, has changed throughout the course of history. We are also going to discuss our diverse society and the challenges a modern city is faced with.

Art: We will be focusing on the skill of printing, getting inspiration from the work of William Morris, whilst also linking it to our science topic.

Religious Education: Prayer and worship will be our focus. A key question for our enquiry is: What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? We are learning to understand different ways that Sikhs show their commitment to God, comparing their practices in order to explore which shows the most commitment.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education): In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Changing Me'. We will be covering topics like:

- How babies grow;
- Babies;
- Outside body changes;
- Inside body changes;
- Family stereotypes;
- And looking ahead.

P.E. (Physical Education): Lessons for this half term will be about athletics. Please help your child remember to have a labelled PE kit in school every day as timetables are often subject to change.

French: Our lessons this half term will focus on 'Je Peux...' (I can).

Computing: In this unit, we are becoming more familiar with blogging - what blogging means and how it can be done safely. We are going to look into the possibility of having our own class blog.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. It will be set on Google Classroom.

Times tables: Keep practising your times tables (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s). If you feel ready, you can start to learn the others. Knowledge of the times tables is vital in many aspects of maths. The children should know their username and password for Times Tables Rock Stars. Another really good game to play is 'hit the button' <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

I am including a link to a Maths blog that Herts for Learning have produced. It gives ideas to help children to learn and practise their times tables. Starting from the beginning: how to learn times tables | Herts for Learning www.hertsforlearning.co.uk/blog/starting-beginning-how-learn-times-tables

Spelling: please keep practising the year3/4 common exception words at home. Spelling is sent home every Friday and will be assessed on the following Friday.

Some useful dates:

The detail for these events has/will come out on separate letters from school, but we thought it would be useful to include them here as well:

W/B Monday 14th June - Year 6 'Week of Activities'

Friday 18th June - INSET Day School Closed

Monday 21st June - OCCASIONAL Day School Closed

Tuesday 22nd June - WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Tuesday 22nd June - District Sports Field Events/Relays (am)

Thursday 24th June - District Sports Track Events (pm)

W/B Monday 5th July - Sports Week

Thursday 8th July - Transfer day/Class Swap

As always, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or their work, please do not hesitate to email us via the school office.

With kind regards,

Mr Beleccki and the Year 3 Team