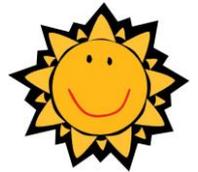




Year 3 Newsletter



Summer 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. It's so good to be back and we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting Summer Term.

There will be lots going on this term!

P.E. will continue to take place on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for the first two weeks of term. After two weeks, weekly swimming sessions on Thursday afternoons will replace our normal Wednesday afternoon PE session. Weather permitting, we will be outside doing netball, athletics, tennis and rounders. Please make sure your children wear suitable outdoor trainers and their P.E. kits on these days. Remember to bring in swimming kit for the Thursday sessions.

In English this term we will be looking at adventure stories, persuasive writing, letter writing, haikus and explanation texts. The children will also be studying different types of nouns, noun phrases, paragraphs and word families in their grammar lessons. The Year 3 statutory words will be the main focus now in their weekly spellings.

Every Wednesday, the children will have the opportunity to visit the library, where they can choose a library book. In order to continue your child's progress in reading it is important that they read aloud to an adult at home frequently, and complete their reading diary. Please make sure your child's reading diary is in school on a daily basis. They may also have Guided Reading tasks to complete each week, which will be indicated in their diary.

During Maths this term we will be finishing off looking at fractions including equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. Throughout the term the children we will also be studying decimals, time and continuing their work on division and multiplication. It is also important that the children continue to learn to tell the time at home whenever possible, and that they are confident in this, including working out time differences and converting between hours, minutes and seconds.

Throughout this term the children will continue to work on their times tables. By the end of Year 3, all children are expected to know their 2,3,4,5,8 & 10 times tables but we will continue to extend children further to x 6, 7 & 9, if they are ready for these. The children will also continue to be tested on their tables and division facts through the TT Rock Star assessments. They can access this site at home and take part in our fun in-class sessions too. We have seen excellent progress made through the tables challenge and tests so far this year, so thank you for your continued support.

In Science this term we will finish our topic on the human body and then we will be learning about plants and growing. In History we will be looking at the Ancient Egyptians. In Computing we will be learning about emails, branching, simulations and power points/Google slide presentations. Computing is also incorporated into many other subjects through research, presentations and word processing.

In Art we will be looking at the works of Van Gogh and developing our line and colour mixing skills. We will be combining this with some D.T. work on shell structures. In R.E. we will be finishing our studies of Judaism before continuing our learning on Christianity and Islam, by learning about their sacred texts and faith stories. We will also be thinking about right & wrong and justice & fairness. For Music will also be continuing with recorders every Friday morning.

English and Maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday on Google Classroom. English homework should be returned by the following Wednesday. Maths homework does not need to be sent in to school simply completed on MyMaths. The children should try to complete the tasks independently where possible, but your continued help and support is appreciated.

Spellings will also still be handed out on Fridays and children will be tested on these the following Friday. It is important that they learn the spellings, but also understand the meaning of the words they are given. They could write sentences using these words and also find them in a dictionary to look up the definition. Your help and support at home will be beneficial and again, very much appreciated. We will be doing work on the spellings throughout the week.

Please ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back neatly and that they are wearing correct, named school uniform and P.E. kit.

Miss Bayliss will continue to teach for Wednesday morning to cover Mr Port's planning, preparation and assessment time.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We all look forward to another exciting and busy term, and thank you for your continued help and support. Your children continue to be a real pleasure to teach.

Mr Port, Miss Bayliss & Mrs Bersanelli.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 24th April - Open Evening

Tuesday 30th April - Ancient Egyptian Day (Please come in with any Ancient Egyptian outfits)

Friday 3rd May & Monday 6th May - School closed (Occasional Day and Bank Holiday)

Monday 17th June - Sports Day (All morning)