





Year 3 Newsletter





Summer 2017

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Below is a summary of the subjects we will be studying this term and as always there is a lot to get through and plenty you can share with your child at home. It is with this in mind, that we again ask for as much continued support at home so that your children make the best possible progress. There is no swimming this term as the children have finished this aspect of the PE curriculum.

Our assembly will be on **16th June 2017** and we hope you will be able to join us. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Murphy

English	Maths	Science
<p>This term we will read a range of adventure stories. We will create a plot and write a story of our own. Persuasive language is a focus for this term. Look out for the children using it to persuade you to receive more pocket money! Our poetry unit is free verse and we will be investigating poems written by Michael Rosen. We will also continue to develop our grammatical skills in line with the Year 3 curriculum. It would be great if the children could read a range of adventure stories to support our topic.</p>	 <p>In maths we will extend our knowledge of fractions and begin to look at decimals. We will be interpreting and presenting data on charts and graphs. We will be learning to multiply three numbers. Children will be tested weekly on their times tables. Please support them in learning these at home. 'Hit the Button' is a great online game to support this.</p>	<p>In science this term, we will focus on Biology. Children will learn about the lifecycle of plants. They will investigate how water travels through plants and what plants need to survive. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to think scientifically through investigations.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
History	Computing	Music
<p>In History we will be learning about the Roman Empire. We will investigate the impact the Romans had on Britain and developing our enquiry skills.</p>	<p>The computing topic this term is developing communication. The children will learn how to write blogs using Purple Mash as a safe platform and create sound files.</p>	<p>In music the children will be composing and writing their own graphic score. They will be increasing their knowledge of musical vocabulary.</p>

Art	Design and Technology	RE
<p>This term we will be focussing on observational drawing. We will be thinking about the textures and feel of objects and areas of light and shade.</p> 	<p>This term children will research and make healthy pizzas to link with our work on Italy in Geography.</p> <p>We will use a variety of cooking skills to make the pizzas and take them home to eat.</p> 	<p>In RE children will compare the Muslim and Christian religions. They will look at the rules which are followed by both religions and compare the two buildings where people worship.</p> 
PE	PHSE	French
<p>In PE children will continue to have lessons with Rising Stars on Wednesday afternoons. The children will also be covering a gymnastics unit this term. Children should leave their PE kit in school each week. This should include outdoor kit until the weather starts to improve.</p>	<p>During the Summer term children will be covering Sex and relationship education. In Year 3 this focusses on the differences between girls and boys bodies, personal space, our families and who to go to for help. We will also be learning about the effects of tobacco on our bodies.</p>	<p>The children will continue to develop their French skills with Mrs Cornish.</p> <p>Lessons take place every other week and will include learning vocabulary to describe free time activities. They will also learn how to give their opinions and talk about their likes and dislikes.</p>
Parent Partnership	Homework	
<p>During this term please try to ensure you hear your child read at least three times a week and sign their reading record. Encourage your child to learn and revise their times tables – just five minutes a day will really help.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns – I am always here to help.</p>	<p>Homework will be set weekly. Week one will be a maths task. Week two will be reading and grammar tasks. Homework is set on Wednesday and due in the following Monday. Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following week. Each term children will be set a task based around our topic work. Please read with your children regularly and record this in their reading record. Please ensure your child brings their reading record and reading book to school every day. Also please help them to learn their times tables and division facts ready for their Friday weekly test.</p> 	

Please contact us if you have any concerns. Here's to a happy and fun Summer Term!

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