

Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 1 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to term 5, we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will have our spelling test on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Friday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



Writing

In English this term we will be exploring Nordic Folktales with the children studying in detail Three Billy Goats Gruff and then writing their own folktale. They will also be writing an essay on the Bayeux Tapestry and explaining what story it tells?



Maths

In Maths, we will finish our work on understanding fractions, we will then move on to mass and capacity, following this we will finish off the term going back to fractions but this time understanding how to add and subtract fractions.



Science

Our science topic this term is "Rocks". We will look at sorting rocks, understanding how rocks are formed, how some rocks are permeable, how some rocks contain fossils and to recognise soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



Computing

In computing, we will be focusing on two areas within computing, branching databases and graphing.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying Architecture. To do this we will look at the Parthenon, the Sagrada Familia, they will look at symmetry and line in architecture and then finally design and create a mosaic inspired by Gaudi.



In DT we will be making bread.

Geography/History

Our history topic this term we will be looking at "Law and Power from 1154-1272. To do this we will look at Henry II and Thomas Beckett, The Crusades, Richard the Lionheart, King John, the Magna Carta and finally Simon de Montfort and his role in creating parliament.



Our Geography topic this term is Western Europe, we will be looking at important countries in Western Europe, the climate, trade, a detailed look at France and then a comparison of London and Paris.

Music

In music we will be looking at songs of friendship, peace, hope and unity. We will also aim to perform Bringing Us Together- Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman.



PE

PE days are **TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. **Long hair is to be tied up and no jewellery please.** Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Athletics
- Tennis

PSHE

Teaching Unit: Relationships



This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Family roles and responsibilities
- Friendship
- Keeping myself safe online
- Being a global citizen
- Celebrating my web of relationships

RE

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and answering the question "How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?"



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project

Please see separate letter.



Your child's homework is to create a fact file on a country in Western Europe or to make a model of a famous monument in Western Europe.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Fortune

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Eden & Mrs Windsor

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!



Monday 15th April – School reopens to pupils start of term 5



Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - KS2 SATs Week

W/B 20th May – Parents' Open Sessions (Foundation Subjects) – Days and timings tbc

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Sports Week

Monday 20th May – Mintridge Visit – Danielle Brown

Thursday 23rd May – Mintridge Visit – Nekoda Davis

Friday 24th May – School closes to pupils for half Term