

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3

Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter, and have recharged your batteries for what is going to be a busy summer term. I'm looking forward to the coming term and seeing the children move further on in their learning. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us any night after school, or leave a note with the office and I will get back to you ASAP. I look forward to continue working with you and your children!

Mrs G Thomas & Miss K Chavda

Our Topics

Our topic for this first half term is 'Our Environment'. Our role play area is a Garden Centre and our Science topic is 'Plants'. As part of our topic, we will be learning:

- To explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including germination, pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.
- To ask relevant questions and use different types of scientific enquiry to answer them.
- To use field work to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area.
- To study the environmental artist - Clarice Cliff
- To begin to understand the four points of the compass during outdoor learning.



Our topic for the second half term is 'World War 2'. Our role play area will be an Anderson shelter. As part of our topic we will be learning:

- About key events from WW2, including The Blitz.
- About evacuation (why children were evacuated and where they went).
- How to use maps to locate countries involved in WW2.
- About Hitler and the part he played in WW2!
- About how people protected themselves during WW2, including the use of Anderson shelters.



Reading/Spelling

This term, we are continuing with a big focus on reading and spelling. Please continue to read with your child for a few minutes each night and work on their spellings each week at home. Your child must bring in their reading diary on a Friday so that we can check that they have read 5 times a week. If your child has read 5 times, they will then receive 'Reading Treat' on a Friday afternoon in the computer suite. Our class text is '**The Tunnel**' by **Anthony Browne** this first half term. Next half term, it is '**The Lion and the Unicorn**' by **Shirley Hughes**, which is based on WW2.

PE & Outdoor Education

From the **3rd of May**, every Friday afternoon, for 10 weeks, the Y3 children will be going swimming at Westhoughton Leisure Centre. All Y3 children will need to bring in a swim bag with a towel, fitted swim shorts (for boys), or a swimming costume (for girls). Please remove your child's earrings before Friday swimming sessions. If you can walk with the children to swimming, please let Mrs Thomas or Mrs Chavda know. They will still need to bring in their PE kits for other PE sessions.

Outdoor education is on a Friday morning with Mr Lackenby. The children will need their outdoor clothes, waterproofs and wellies.

Other Notices

Helping at home:

Please continue to help your child with their spellings, times tables, completing their homework to a high standard and ensuring that they are reading nightly. Make sure you make full use of Times Tables Rock Stars!

Trips and visits:

Details about the Y3 summer trip to the **Imperial War Museum** and **The Lowry Gallery** to follow. This will be next half term.

English

In English we will be learning to:

- Write poetry about our environment using our senses.
- Use a range of adverbs.
- Use present tense and past tense verbs correctly.
- Use prepositions to describe time and place.
- Use a large variety of conjunctions.
- Use a range of punctuation correctly within different genres of writing.
- Use expanded noun phrases and emotive language.
- Write instructions about making Anderson shelters.
- Write letters and diary entries.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning to:

- Develop our problem solving skills by using addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in two step word problems.
- Understand the terms: horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel.
- Find fractions of amounts.
- Solve division problems with remainders
- Find the perimeter of shapes.
- Create different graphs and answer questions about them.
- Solve money and time problems.

Science

Plants / Animals including humans

In Science we will be learning to:

- Identify the functions of different plants.
- Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth.
- Identify that animals, including humans, need the right kinds of nutrition.
- Identify that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Computing

In computing we will be learning:

- How to add new slides on PowerPoint, how to change their design and how to add features to the page.
- Set up a slide show, changing transitions then animations.
- About the use of sound and hyperlinks within PowerPoint.
- To develop our coding skills.
- To use digital maps and technologies to develop geographical skills.

RE

In RE we will be discussing the questions:

Who was Jesus and why do Christians follow him?

What do religions teach us about the natural world and what should we do to care about it?



Dates for the Diary

Year 3 Swimming lessons begin - Friday 3rd May (10 Week Block - see Y3 Swimming Letter)

06.05.19-School Closed- Bank Holiday

21.05.19-New Uniform Launch @ 2.30p.m

24.05.19-School finishes for half term

07.06.19-Non-Uniform day for Summer Fair

13.06.19+17.06.19-Father's Day Meal

18.06.19 - Y3 Memories Assembly @ 9am

20.06.19-Sports day

21.06.19-Summer Fair

04.07.19-Class Swap Day

11.07.19-PTA Summer Disco

12.07.19-End of Year Reports to be sent home

17.07.19-School Finishes for summer holidays