

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

KEY DATES

Wednesday the 21st
June: Class assembly

Sports Week: 22nd May

Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and chocolate filled Easter. Thank you from all the year 3 staff for the generous Easter presents received, they were very much appreciated. This final term looks to be busy, with lots of exciting things for the children to do and, as always, we appreciate the continued support which has been given by parents.

Topic: Geography

Our focus for the first half term will be 'Our European Neighbours'. The children will be learning about the location of Europe and the different countries in it. We will be comparing London with Paris and researching our own information about one country.

After half term, we will focus on the UK. The children will learn about the physical and human geography of the British Isles and improve their geographical skills such as map reading.



English

We are beginning this term by looking at persuasive leaflets. The children will be creating their own leaflets based around their European country of choice.



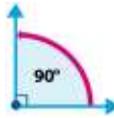
Later in the term we will be focusing on how to form speech correctly in our writing, using the Little Miss and Mr Men books as a stimulus.

Next half term the children will be focusing on letter writing and developing their own play scripts.



Maths

The topic in maths for this term is shape and space. The children will be investigating properties of shapes and angles as well as using accurate mathematical language to describe lines, such as perpendicular and parallel.



Next term the children will be working with statistics and how to represent them. Working with money and equivalent fractions will also be covered.

Rocket through your times tables Challenge

The times tables challenges will be running until the end of the year. Many children have already completed their times tables facts and have now moved onto the related division. Please keep practising these at home.

Science

The topic this term is 'Animals and Humans'. The children will be learning about nutrition and both skeletons and muscles.



After half term we will be learning about 'Light and Shadows'. The children will explore light sources, learn about how light travels and investigate why shadows form.

Reading

Well done to everyone who took part in our 'Reading around the world' challenge. This term there will not be a reading challenge but instead the children are asked to practise their year 1 and 2 spelling words as they will be quizzed randomly in class.

DT

Linked to our science topic of Animals and Humans, DT this term will be based around healthy eating. The children will be designing and making their own healthy sandwiches with a visit from Warburton's.



P.E. and Games

The children will continue to take part in hockey this side of half term before changing to take part in rounders and athletics in the last part of the summer term. Games lessons will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon. As the weather warms up, the children are allowed to wear their shorts and t-shirts from their PE kits but must still wear trainers.



Year 3 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 10th May and will continue until the end of the school year. A letter will be sent by the school office confirming further details.

Home Learning and notices

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday and will be expected in on the following Wednesday. The weekly homework will be either Maths or English based.

The children have also been given topic homework, one project to be handed in on each of the following dates: 26th April, 10th May and 24th May.

We have noticed some children have not completed their reading logs over the Easter holidays so would like to remind all children that they are expected to read four times a week and record this in their reading logs.

Although the weather is beginning to warm up, the children should still bring a coat to school in case of unexpected colder weather or showers.

