

Year 3 Newsletter – Summer



Welcome to the Summer Term! We can't to have an action-packed term full of lots of exciting learning!

Start of the Summer Term messages

Please can you make sure your child's name is written in **all** uniform and PE kit. This makes it easier to return any lost/left clothing to the rightful owner.

Please make sure that you encourage your child to put their reading diary and reading books in the plastic wallet provided. This will stop any water bottle leaks ruining their books.

Please make sure you send your child into school with a water bottle and healthy snack. When the weather becomes sunnier and warmer, please send your child into school with a sun hat and make sure sunscreen has been applied before school.

Diary Dates for this half term

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 13th May – Mental Health Week

Friday 24th May – break up for half term.

Monday 3rd June – return to school.

Friday 14th June – Father's Day celebration (information to follow later).

Thursday 20th June – KS2 Sports Day

Monday 8th July – SRE week

Tuesday 16th July – Y3 Showcase 3pm

Friday 26th July – break up for summer holidays.

Other events will be shared in the future.

Science



This term in science, we will be learning lots of new things.

We will be learning about **Light**. We will find out about what light is and how it travels, we will learn about shadows and how they are created. We will also learn about **Plants**. We will learn about the parts of plants and their features. We will be discovering the male and female parts of a plant.

Enquiry

This term's enquiry is an Art theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, '**How do the arts tell a story?**' Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – We will be learning about tone and creating tones of different colours.

Week 2 – We will be learning how to use sketching pencils and how to use these to learn different shading techniques.

Week 3 – We will be continuing with our sketching and will learn how to sketch 3D shapes to help us with our final piece of artwork. Also, we will be learning about contrasting and complimentary colours.

Week 4 – This week, we will be learning about the artists, LS Lowry and Edward Hopper. We will have a Greek day this week too.

Week 5 – We are continuing with our art learning and will be identifying similarities and differences found in Ancient Greek art and other art movements.

Week 6 – We will be having a visit from some potters. They will help us make Ancient Greek vases.

Week 7 – We will be learning about music this week. We will be using our learning from music this year to describe the mood created by some pieces of music.

Week 8 – We will be continuing with our music learning. We will be listening to music in films to help us explain the mood created. We will have a go at making our own music to create a mood.

Week 9 – We will be learning if a design is fit for purpose. We are going to use our DT knowledge to help us with this.

Week 10 – We will be using our designs to create our own shadow puppets. We will then evaluate our creations.

PE



Y3 have swimming on Mondays. Please send your child with their swimming kit in a sperate bag. **Please come to school wearing school uniform.**

We have PE on a Tuesday morning. **Please come to school wearing your PE kit.**

Reading



It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket entered into a prize draw each term.



Each child has a login for the Times Table Rock Stars app. This is a fun way for children to develop their times tables. Encourage your child to go on three times a week. Each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers, the most coins collected and the most improved score over the week. These are given out in our celebration assembly.

Homework



On Dojo you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term. Children can also bring in their home learning to add to our Enquiry area of the classroom.