

Year 3 Summer Newsletter



Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you had a great Easter break and are ready for the Summer term. I can't believe it is the last term of Year Three already. There will be so much learning and great things happening this term.

Please ensure your child has their name in all of their belongings to prevent them being lost.

Diary Dates for this term

Monday 4th May

May Day Bank Holiday – school closed.

Friday 22nd May

Colour Run event – information to follow.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Half Term holiday

Monday 1st June

Return to school

Friday 19th June

Father's Day event – information to follow.

Thursday 25th June

KS2 Sports Day – information to follow

Friday 10th July

Summer Fayre – information to follow.

Thursday 23rd July

KS2 Disco

Friday 23rd July

Break up for Summer!

Other events will be happening – information will be sent out nearer the time.

Enquiry

This term's enquiry has an Art focus. We will be learning about how art, music and drama help to tell stories, with a focus on Ancient Greece and the artists L. S. Lowry and Edward Hopper. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term, we will be answering the key question: **"How do the arts tell a story?"** Each week, pupils will gradually build their knowledge and skills in order to answer this question.

Week 1 – We will learn about Ancient Greek art and explore what life was like during Ancient Greek times.

Week 2 – We will begin our art learning by exploring tone, using colour and sketching pencils.

Week 3 – This week's learning will focus on shading to create tone, texture and shadows. Pupils will also use form to create dimension in their artwork.

Week 4 – We will learn about complementary and contrasting colours and discover how to use proportion in our sketching.

Weeks 5 and 6 – We will be learning about the artists L. S. Lowry and Edward Hopper, focusing on the techniques they used in their artwork. Pupils will begin creating a piece of artwork that focuses on sketching.

Week 7 – This week, we will create another piece of artwork using different media. This work will focus on L. S. Lowry's matchstick figures.

Week 8 – We will return to our learning about Ancient Greece, focusing on key historical events and comparing life in Ancient Greece with modern-day life.

Week 9 – Our learning will focus on Design and Technology. Pupils will identify how a design is fit for purpose and explore different joining techniques.

Week 10 – Pupils will design a new product by writing a design brief and selecting appropriate joining techniques learnt in the previous week. They will then make their product. We will also learn how to make Ancient Greek vases.

Week 11 – During the final week, pupils will use their DT products to create a shadow puppet show. Afterwards, they will evaluate their product and learning.

If you need to speak to me about anything, please feel free to speak to me on the playground before or after school. I can also be contacted on Class Dojo so feel free to send me a message.



Reading



It is essential that children are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read 3 or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket and are entered into a prize draw each week.

Each child has a login for the **Times Table Rockstars** app. This is a fun way for children to develop their times tables and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.

We will focus our practise on the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

PE

PE days are on **Monday** and **Friday**. We will continue swimming on **Monday** so please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school.

Our other PE lesson will focus on Athletics. We will learn sprinting, relay and longer distance running techniques. After learning this, we will learn how to perform the long and triple jumps effectively.

Science

Our science learning in this term is going to be focusing on plants and light. During this learning, we will be learning about the parts of a flowering plant, the best conditions for plants to grow and how light and shadows are formed.

Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menu. 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.

