

Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

We hope that you have all had a very restful and enjoyable Easter holiday!

In Year 3 this term, our topic is 'Natural Disasters'. We have lots of interesting things planned, which will hopefully give the children a good understanding of the topic without any first hand experience. Please make sure that Holiday Homework projects are handed in by Friday 21st April so that we can make a start on displaying them in the classroom. Mrs Chester and Mrs Pritchard.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to test spellings on a Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday. We will also be continuing to hear the children read on their specified reading days. However, please ensure that reading books are always kept in book bags in case we need them at other times. As a reminder, children are expected to log on to Spelling Shed to practise their weekly spellings and books, which match children's reading levels, are on Ebooks.



Writing

In English we are going to be writing shape poems, an explanation text about how volcanoes are formed and a story from another culture which depicts how other cultures explain natural disasters. We will also continue to practise our handwriting and to edit our work to improve vocabulary/punctuation.



Maths

In maths this term we are going to be working on fractions, money and time. It is important that children are secure in their 2,5- and 10-times tables and are focusing on their 3, 4 and 8s.

Children are expected to practice weekly on TimesTable Rockstar to help with this. We have a weekly Times table bingo slot so that the children are visually seeing all the tables regularly.



Science

This term our topic is 'How does your garden grow?' which focuses on the parts of plants and the function of each of these different parts. We have already planted some young trees with Mr Lapsley and will help to care for them and record their growth.



Computing

In computing, we will be using 'Scratch' to learn how to program a sequence of Music.



Art

We will be learning about the work of the artist, Karl Giles. We will also be learning how to use tints and shading in our own work.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term is 'Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes'. We will be answering these key questions:-

What are conditions like for people climbing Mount Everest?

Is all high land a mountain?

How are mountains formed?

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Why do earthquakes occur?



Music

The focus of our lessons Disco. We will be learning to sing songs in this genre, will listen and appraise, take part in a range of musical activities and perform the songs.



PE

Outdoor PE: Tuesday – Multi-skills (PLEASE note the change of day!)

SWIMMING – THURSDAY MORNING**PSHE**

Our topic for this term is Relationships. We will learn about all of the different relationships we have and the part we play within these.

**RE**

In RE this term, we will be learning about Hinduism by answering the key question 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?'

**Homework Project**

To create a project about mountains and volcanoes. Please see the separate homework sheet for a list of projects that you could complete. Can you also please, teach your children to tie their shoe laces 😊

**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: Mrs Chester

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Pritchard

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.



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Monday 17th April – School **reopens to pupils**

Friday 21st April – Earth Day



Monday 1st May- **Bank Holiday**

Monday 8th May – **Bank Holiday Coronation for King Charles III**

Wednesday 10th May – Bike to school day

W/B 17th May Bike to school week

W/B 20th May – Walk to school week

Tuesday 23rd May – Whole school introduction to Shakespeare workshop

Thursday 25th May – **School closes to pupils for Half Term**

Friday 26th May – Teacher Training Day