

April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## YEAR 3 SUMMER TOPICS

### ENGLISH

This term we shall be investigating explanation texts, writing our own explanations. After half term we shall be writing descriptions of characters and settings. Towards the end of term, we will be moving on to looking at newspaper reports linked to our reading book before focusing on using a book as a theme for a story.

### MATHS

We will have a one hour daily Mathematics lesson. Our main topics are: number, place value and calculations. We shall use these skills for problem solving. After half term we will be moving on to geometry. On Fridays we will continue to have our mental arithmetic tests. Each week the children will be tested on their times table knowledge.

### SCIENCE

This term we shall start by completing the topic *Animals including Humans* – investigating the properties of a skeleton before moving on to look at the need for the right kind of nutrition. We shall then be exploring *Light* – investigating shadows and the reflection of light. After half term our topic will be *Plants* – during which we shall be investigating the conditions which plants need to grow healthy and strong.

### GEOGRAPHY

Our topic is *Our World* during which we will be developing our mapping skills.

### HISTORY

At the beginning of term, we will be completing our *The Ancient Egyptians*- investigating their achievements.

### RE

The children will be looking at a variety of religions through the term, including Judaism, Islam and Christianity, focusing on how we can be fair and just, be accountable for our actions, how we can be honest and truthful, what we can learn from quiet reflection.

### COMPUTING

We will start the term by learning about communicating safely on the internet. After half term we will be analysing data. As the children will be using the Internet, they will be taught about Online Safety and how to stay safe online.

### PE

This half term the children be taught Dance every **Wednesday**, and will therefore need to wear their PE kits on this day. After half term the children will be improving their throwing and catching skills through *Striking and Fielding Games*.

## **ART**

Our artwork this term will centre around our Ancient Egypt Topic.

## **DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

We will be designing an erupting volcano.

## **PHSE**

Our topics for the first half term are *Keeping Safe* identifying ways in which we can ensure our own safety. After half term, our topics will be *Feelings and Emotions* and *Valuing Differences*, during these lessons the children will have opportunities to discuss different feelings and how to manage them and how to work with different people with different points of view.

## **MUSIC**

We shall continue to learn the recorders this term.

## **MFL**

This term we shall continue to learn French and will be learning the parts of the body, days of the week, animals and numbers.

## **HOMEWORK**

Year 3 pupils will be given all of their written homework tasks on a Friday and we would ask you to encourage and support the completion of it by Wednesday, when the class teachers will collect it in. The homework will include: a reading comprehension and a maths activity. In addition, your child will be given spellings to learn each Friday, which will be tested on the following Friday. As well as this your child has been given a home reading diary, which should be signed each day by a parent or carer. Your child should bring his/her diary into school every day.

**Yours sincerely**

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