



Summer

YEAR 3

NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

In the first part of the term we will continue to investigate and apply our knowledge of multiplication and division.

We will then be learning about Fractions, carefully thinking about how this links to multiplication.

After half term, we will be focusing on money and then telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks.

Please keep practising times tables to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division.

In year 3 we should know our 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables.

English

This term we will focus on a number of different text types to develop our writing further.

We will be starting the term by looking at the book 'The secret of Black Rock'. We will be discovering how to create mystery and suspense in our writing, particularly thinking about scene setting, use of figurative language and variation of sentence structure.

We will be writing a recount, using first person, as well as looking at how to create a biography.

To support your child at home you could share different types of books and discuss the characters' feelings, problems and actions by asking questions- How does this character feel? How do you know?

Science

At the start of the term we will be learning about Forces. We will be answering the question; 'What is friction?' and considering when this is helpful or unhelpful. We will be learning about magnetic materials and will consider how the size of the magnet may change the level of force being used to push or pull an object.

After half term we will be learning about plants. We will be considering what plants need to grow and will identify the different parts of a plant and consider what the functions are of each. We will also look at the life-cycle of a plant and learn about how new plants grow through the different types of seed dispersal.

Computing

In computing we will be learning to identify computer bugs in Scratch. We will learn how to fix them as well!

In Online safety we will be practicing good etiquette online and will become netiquette experts!

We will think about who we know online and how to keep ourselves safe.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Music & French

During Music this term we will be looking at rhythm and pitch. We will be learning to sing a song called 'Bring us together' which in the style of Disco.

In French we will be continuing to count to 30. We will learn vocabulary related to body parts, clothes and months of the year.

RE & Life Skills

The Summer term brings an opportunity to investigate and begin to understand religions other than Christianity. Our focus this year will be Sikhism.

During life lessons we will look at how we live in the wider world. We will also be learning about age-appropriate elements of our Sex and Relationships curriculum.

Geography

Geography will span the whole of the summer term and we will be learning about the continents of North and South America.

In the first half term we will focus in on North America and will learn about where it is and the different states that are combined to make it. We will focus in on the Rockies and the eruption of Mount St Helens.

After half term we will be learning about Rio and making comparisons between there and where we live.

DT

We will be covering Food Technology in DT this term. This will take place in the second half of the term.

Children will be learning about the seasonality of fruits and vegetables and will learn where some of our favourites come from. They will learn some basic food hygiene rules and will follow these to design and make a tart using seasonal fruits and vegetables found in the UK. Children will evaluate their own creations.

Art

In Art this term we will be learning to create different painting techniques and textures using brushes and other tools.

We will be making sure we can mix colours effectively and use vivid and pale colours to create different impressions.

We will be using the work of Cezanne to inspire our own still life paintings.