



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2

Maths

This half term our first Maths unit will be Geometry. In this unit, we will be learning about the properties of shapes. The children will learn about different turns and angles and will begin to compare them by using mathematical vocabulary (acute, obtuse, right angle). They will also learn about parallel and perpendicular lines and be able to identify them. Towards the end of the unit, the children will be able to recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move on to looking at statistics where the children will learn how to interpret different charts and tables, such as pictograms, bar charts and tally charts. Towards the end of the unit, they will be able to represent their own data using a chart of their choice.

English

To begin the term, we will be focussing on non-fiction information texts. We will be looking at natural disasters, which links with our Geography unit. The children will write their own information text in the same style. They will also get the chance to describe what it feels like to experience one of these natural disasters. During the second half of the term, we will be studying the classical Shakespeare tragedy play, *King Lear* by *William Shakespeare*. The children will be using their drama and performance skills to bring the play to life! They will also be retelling the story and writing character descriptions.

Science

Our next Science unit focusses on revising all of the previously taught Year 3 science topics that we have studied throughout the year. This will prepare the children for their end of year review. These topics include, animals including humans, plants, forces rocks and fossils and light.

DT**Repel or attract? What happens next?**

In DT, we will be creating a product based on the design criteria that will effectively move using electricity.

Geography Natural Disasters**What makes an earthquake happen?**

Throughout our Geography unit this term we will be exploring various natural disasters. We will be looking at volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes. We will study what makes them occur and what effect they have on human life.

PE**Cricket**

The children will focus on learning the skills of batting, bowling and fielding. Eventually, the children will learn the rules of cricket before playing cricket matches. They will also be learning some athletics skills to prepare themselves for Sports Day.

PSHE**What are the risks of being online and how can I reduce them?**

In this unit we will be discussing how to feel safe including feeling safe online. The children will learn about the SMART rules and how they can manage risk online.

RE**What does it mean to be a Hindu?**

This term we will be learning about what Hindus believe and how they are committed to their religion. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to name the Hindu gods, the sentimental objects used in a Mandir (Hindu temple) and some of the festivals that are celebrated within the religion.

Music**Notation**

This half term, the children will be reading music notation and using this to play tuned instruments. Throughout the unit, the children will be given the opportunity to perform in small groups.

Important Information

- PE is on Monday (outdoor PE) and Wednesday (outdoor PE). Your child should come to school in their PE kit.
- As the weather is becoming warmer, please remember to supply your child with sun cream, a sun hat and sunglasses if necessary.
- It is important your child reads 3 times a week and their reading log must be signed and brought to school on a Friday.
- Homework will be handed out every Friday. Please complete the homework each week and upload a picture to Dojo. If you require a paper copy of the homework, then please contact your child's class teacher.
- This half term we will be continuing with Forest School. This will be on a Tuesday for Warhol Class and a Wednesday for Dali Class. Your child will need to come to school with an extra layer and a change of shoes.
- The last day of term is Friday 14th July.