



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1

Maths

In Maths, we will start off the term by looking at fractions. The children will learn how to find fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. They will also learn how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We will then move on to time. In this unit, the children will learn how many hours are in a day and how many months are in a year. They will then look at telling the time to 1 minute and using a 24 hour clock to tell the time.

English

To begin the term, we will be reading the traditional story of *How the Tiger Got His Stripes*. The children will then write their own traditional story in the same style. We will then be looking at different types of poetry, but particularly *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough. During the second half term we will be studying the classical Shakespeare tragedy play, *King Lear* and using our drama and performance skills to bring the play to life. Finally, we will also write information texts based upon our Humanities unit of Natural Disasters.

Science

Our next Science unit will be all about light. We will be looking at how light travels, what makes a light source, how shadows are created and finally how to stay safe in the sun. During the second half term we will be revising all of the previously taught Year 3 science topics in preparation for our end of year review.

Art

How are man-made materials used to create sculptures inspired by nature?

In Art, we will be working a lot with clay to make sculptures from both observation and imagination. We will be focusing on Anna Collette Hunt, who is a local jewellery designer.

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

Athletics and Swimming

Year 3 children will have the privilege of swimming each week this term by visiting Aylestone Leisure Centre. The children will also learn key skills for Athletics.

PSHE

What are Human Rights?

In this unit we will be looking at the differences between wants and needs. The children will understand that we are entitled to rights and the rights that humans have.

RE

What does it mean to be a Hindu?

This term we will be learning about Hinduism. The children will learn about what Hindus believe and the Gods that they worship.

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 Friday (Swimming). Your child should come to school in their PE kit.
- 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 starting Forest School. This will be on a Wednesday. Your child will need to come to school with an extra layer and a change of shoes.
- Swimming will continue next half term. Please make sure that your child brings the appropriate swimming kit every Friday. If your child requires goggles, you can complete a permission slip and return this to the office.