



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 find equivalent fractions. They will also learn how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We will then move on to money. In this unit, the children will learn how to add and subtract money and convert pounds to pence. Finally, we will end the term by looking at 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 solve problems with time and begin to tell the time to 1 minute.

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

What effects can be created in painting when water is added?

This half term, the children will learn how to mix primary colours to create different tones of warm and cold colours. They will be focussing their art work on the work of Georgia O’Keeffe, an American artist who is famous for her simple floral designs.

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 humans are entitled to rights and they will be able to name some of the rights that we have.

RE

The Journey of Life: How do people show their commitment to a religion?

This term, we will be looking at how different religions commit to their religion. We will be focussing on what ceremonies and celebrations take place.

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.
- Warhol Class will be attending Forest School on a Tuesday.
- Dali Class will be attending Forest School on a Wednesday.
- Your child will need to come to school with a change of clothes, a change of shoes and an extra layer.
- Swimming will continue for Warhol Class 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.