

Year 3 newsletter - Summer 2009

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter holiday with your children and that they are well rested after their exciting performances of "Peter Pan."

We have an action-packed term ahead, both with curricular and extra-curricular activities.

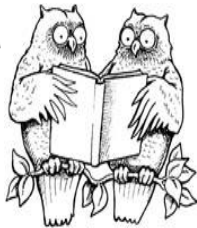


Our Science topic for the first half term is Helping Plants Grow. We be growing broad beans in the allotment and monitoring their growth . After half term, we shall be learning about Light and Shadows. We will explain processes such as how the shadows change during the course of the day.



In Mathematics, we will develop efficient written methods in addition and subtraction. The children will start to multiply two-digit numbers by a single-digit number and will consider when to round up or down when there is a remainder after division. We will link work in measure and data handling to Science and Geography. The children will build upon their understanding of shape and space and fractions. On Fridays Mrs Howes will teach class 8 and Mrs O'Shea will teach class 7. Please help your child develop their recall of multiplication and division facts.

We start off this term's literacy by reading and writing speech both in stories and in playscripts. It will be a chance for the Year 3 children to pretend to be characters in Peter Pan!



We will also read and write shape poetry and calligrams, dialogue and writing information. The children will create their own books about a selected animal and will write persuasively about protecting species.

Reading continues to be an important skill, so the more your child reads within the home, both independently and in a shared context, the better. Spelling and phonics will be taught on Fridays by Mrs Howes (class 8) and Mrs O'Shea (class 7) and this will be consolidated throughout the week.

Our Geography topic for this term is 'Weather around the World'. We will learn about how climate affects human activity and will tour the world visiting polar regions, rainforests and deserts! Please encourage your child to watch weather forecasts on the television, visit the BBC weather site on the internet and think about weather in different locations around the world.



Further to this we will be studying 'Sacred Writings' and 'The Bible as a Book' within R.E. and 'Growing and Changing' in P.S.H.C.E. ICT will be taught through the rest of the curriculum. In French, the children will start to use 'au' and 'à la'; for example asking and answering 'As-tu un animal à la maison?' alongside lots of other fun games and songs.

As a reminder, homework is intended to take thirty minutes a week. It is ideal if your child can share their homework with you before it is returned to school. Children are to use only pencil to record their work, and to take care with presentation. Homework books are expected to be returned by Tuesday before the next work is set on Thursday.

Here are details of the clubs for this term:

Monday 3.30 - 4.30 Tri-golf in the large hall

Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 Tag rugby on the field

Tuesday 4.15 - 5.00 Yoga in the small hall

Wednesday 3.20 -5.00 Dance in the large hall

Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 Top Activity in small hall and playground

Friday 3.30- 4.30 Summer sports on the big field

Advance notice of our **Country Dancing Display on Wednesday 30th June 2.15-3.15pm** Key Stage 2 sports day is on July 15th, weather permitting. The children will also be learning to play the recorder this term. Whilst we do have some recorders that can be loaned for use in school, **it would be ideal if your child has his/her own recorder and that it is clearly named. Recorders can be bought from the school office for £5 by filling in a school uniform order form. Sessions will be on Thursdays and led by Miss Mordue.**

We hope you and your children have an enjoyable Summer term. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any concerns or comments as the term progresses.

Mrs Thompson & Miss Mordue