

Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Dear parents of Year 3,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a relaxing Easter holiday and enjoyed some time off. As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has sun cream and a sunhat when necessary. A reminder to name school and sports clothing, particularly school jumpers. In addition to this, a healthy snack and water bottle in everyday, thank you.

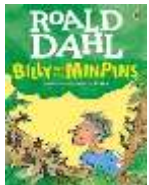


Topic

This half-term we are focusing on volcanoes and earthquakes. We will look at a wide range of physical features including: structure of the earth, plate tectonics, how volcanoes and earthquakes form and what effect they have on the environment. Next half-term our topic will be history, focusing on the Egyptians. We have an Egyptian workshop booked where we will be digging and finding out about artefacts. More information to follow.

Literacy

Our literacy and language focus for this half term will be using all the skills we have learned in both our fiction and non-fiction units to produce a story. This will include dialogue and character building, in addition to vivid setting and character description. Our non-fiction writing will focus on non-chronological reports and the effective use of sentence types and tenses. In the last half of the summer term, we will delve into poetry and playscripts that will be performed.



In reading comprehension this half term, the children are studying 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. We will be continuing our focus on new vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Please can reading records and current reading books be in school every day. I will continue to check these every Friday morning. Spelling homework will continue to be uploaded to Spellingframe and logins can be found in reading records. This half term to receive extra break, children will need to have completed spelling homework for three weeks. Another reminder that maths homework is one session per week.

Maths

Currently, we are exploring:

- Mass, capacity and volume.
- Using scales with mass and volume.
- Using millilitres, litres, grams and kilograms.

This term in fractions we will:

- Comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions.

We will also be studying time and will:

- Recap key time terminology.
- Months, years, hours and seconds.
- Telling the time to 5 minutes and the minute.
- Using AM, PM and the 24hr clock.

To finish off the term, we will be focusing on properties of shape and then money, taking a constant approach to address all topics through worded problems and other problem-solving techniques. End of unit assessments will continue and please practise times tables at home on Times Table Rockstars (TTRS). These logins can also be found in your child's reading record.

Science

Our science topics this term include: the requirements of plants, including the flowering plant lifecycle in biology. In chemistry a focus on rocks, fossils and soils and astronomy in physics. We will focus on particular scientific skills including: research, comparing, pattern seeking, identifying and classifying and observing over time.

PE

PE will continue to be taught on a Monday and Tuesday. This half term will include athletics and striking and fielding.

PSHE

Our PSHE units for this term are Being My Best and Growing and Changing. In Being My Best, we will be thinking about responsibility and health. We will be starting Growing and Changing in Summer Term 2 and there will be a reminder in the newsletter outlining the topics we will cover next month. Any queries you may have about the subject nearer the time please feel free to contact me.

MFL

In French this term we will be learning about myself, with a focus on animals/pets and where I live. Into next half-term, topics covered will be food and culture.

Music

In Music for summer term, we have Somerset Music in to focus on djembe drums. You will be able to watch what they have learned in the music show next half term, more information to follow.

Please feel free to continue to contact me about any concerns and many thanks for your support this year.

Mr Park

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