

Year 3 Newsletter Summer 2

Welcome back to our final half-term in Year 3.

English

The half-term we will begin with the magical story of 'Leon and the Place Between'. We will be looking at persuasive writing and we will be writing a letter to persuade people to come to the circus. Our class novel will be 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo and we will finish Year 3 with the narrative poem 'The Mad Professor's Daughter'.

You can help your child to succeed in English by:

- Listening to your child read their reading book regularly and discussing the text and asking them questions;
- Helping them to learn their spellings at the weekend before their spelling test on Monday.

Maths

In Maths we will start the half-term by finishing off our time unit looking at AM, PM and durations. We will then move onto our shape unit which will look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and we will learn to recognise angles as a measure of a turn and also learn that angles are created when two straight lines meet at a point. Finally, we will end the term with our money unit which will consist of converting pounds into pence and adding and subtracting money.

You can help your child to succeed in Maths by:

- Practicing times tables and division facts with your child for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables;
- Giving your child the opportunity to use Times Tables Rockstars at home;
- Supporting your child with their Maths homework.

Design Technology

In Design technology we will work in groups to design and build our own bridges using wood. We will explore the work of great engineers from history such as Brunel.

Science

This half term we will be focusing on Light and Shadow. We will find out about different light sources and how light is reflected. We will investigate how shadows are created and why the size of shadows formed by the sun changes throughout the day.

Art

This half term in art, the children will be looking at a range of collages in art throughout history. They will be designing and creating an effective collage of a flying carpet.

P.E. and Physical Activity

This half term the children will be doing Tennis on Thursdays.

Swimming will be changing this half term - with only one Y3 class going each week:

w/c - 3rd June - Maple only

w/c - 10th June - Maple only

w/c - 19th June - Maple only

w/c - 24th June - Willow only

w/c - 1st July - Willow only

w/c - 8th July - Willow only

w/c - 15th July - Both classes - for the end of year fun session

On the days the class doesn't go swimming, they will be doing a PE session in school, so please make sure PE kits are in school every day this half-term and they have the correct footwear, as the PE sessions will be outside wherever the weather allows.

French

The children will be learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book in French.

Homework

- Topic homework will be given every Friday and should be returned by the following Monday.
- Math homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be completed and handed in by Friday.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school including PE kit. Also, please make sure that all items of school uniform are clearly labeled with your child's name so that any lost clothing can be returned to the right child quickly. School shoes should be black or grey.

Keeping safe in the sun

As we are now experiencing warmer weather, children may be more comfortable wearing sun hats at playtime and lunchtime. Please ensure that these are labeled with your child's name. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle with them every day as our classrooms get very hot. Please also make sure that on hot days, your child is wearing sunscreen.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school attendance target is 97%. The children are working very hard to make sure that each class in Year 3 meets this target. Please remember that the school doors open at 8.45 and close at 8.55. Any child who arrives after 8.55 is classed as late.

Dates for your diary:

Year 3 Circus Skills workshop - Wednesday 12th June

Multi-Faith Celebration Day - Friday 21st June

Sports Day - Wednesday 3rd July

Break up for the summer - Friday 19th July

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year 3 team:

Mrs Scarfe, Miss Valencia

Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Flory, Miss Costello and Ms Harding