



## Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



## Topic: Ancient and Brilliant Britain

This term we will be focusing around our topic 'Ancient Britain' then moving onto celebrating how brilliant Britain is. The learning will be cross-curricular and creative.

**English:** Our focus texts will be Stig of the Dump by Clive King as well as a range of non-fiction planet books. Through these texts we will be looking at reports and story writing this term.

We will be working on becoming adept at editing our work and talking about what we need to do to improve our English. Some objectives that we will be working on include: using fronted adverbials, writing in chronological order and using a range of conjunctions at the start and in the middle of sentences.

**Maths:** a range of mathematical skills and knowledge will be developed further this term including fractions, length, perimeter work, mass, volume, capacity, statistics and time. Some other coverage during this term will include Money, equivalent fractions, time and using calendars.

We will also reinforce the traditional column methods of addition, subtraction and formal methods of division and multiplication.

**Topic:** In geography we will be locating the UK on a map, globe and atlas and looking into the counties and cities within the UK. We will be investigating the rivers and seas, hills and mountains in the UK. We will be exploring how the UK has changed over time and how cities such as London have expanded.

In history we will be looking into pre-historic Britain. We will look back on the timeline and see where the stone, bronze and iron age sit in history. We will explore the history of the stone and bronze age. Including the people, the clothing, the food, the paintings, tools and

## Upcoming Events

- **PE this term is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**
- Wed 27th April Class Photos.
- Fri 27th May Jubilee Garden Party
- Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June Half Term Holiday
- Mon 6th June INSET Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Marvellous Men church service then into school.
- Fri 8th July Sports Day
- Fri 15th July Reserve Sports Day
- Wed 20th July School Closes 1.30

### Homework:

- ❖ Spellings are set and tested on Fridays
- ❖ Daily homework- Reading- -please record in your child's reading record daily. Doodle maths, Doodle times tables and Spelling frame also to be done daily please.
- ❖ English and maths homework is set on Friday to be completed and returned on the following Wednesday.
  - ❖ Children will also have an Arithmetic test

the importance of fire. We are looking forward to spending some time in our Forest School so we can fully immerse ourselves into the topic.

**Science:** In science we will be focusing on plants and what are their needs and requirements, looking at different parts of the plant and what they do, investigate how water is transported through plants, and the life cycle of a flower. To achieve this, we will be carrying out experiments such as, food colouring and celery sticks, keeping the same plant but in different conditions and dissecting lilies and tulips. We are looking forward to growing seedlings in class and then planting them in our very own planters outside in the forest school.

In the next term, we will be looking into skeleton, muscles and movement in animals and humans. We will be exploring the bones in bodies we will look into what is a vertebrate and what is an invertebrate. We will look into how the skeleton supports and protects the body and how invertebrates manage to support and protect their body. Lastly, we will move onto what muscles are and how they create movement.

**PE:** This term in PE we will be focusing on Net and wall. It will help the children to understand, build and practice skills in elements they will use in net and wall games with a particular focus on tennis. We will focus on positioning and the forehand technique. On Tuesday we will also have a lesson with the London Irish where the children will be improving their rugby skills.

In Summer 2, we will be focussing on Athletics which leads us to preparing for sports day. Towards the end of the school year we will have great fun doing OAA. They will be faced with fun challenges that build upon teamwork, navigation skills and exploration.

**RE:** This term we will be focusing on Sikhism. We will be thinking about, what is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God. We start off by discussing what the children feel they are committed to for example, school and extra curricular clubs. The children will be reminded of the 5K's and what they symbolise. We will then go into more detail about the Amrit ceremony and how the Gurdwara and the holy book help Sikhs stay committed to their faith. We will then move onto 'People of God' from the scheme 'Understanding Christianity'. Here we will learn that the Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel known as the People of God — and their relationship with God, the People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him and they believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises. The bible story of Noah will be our focus.

**Art:** we will be recording ideas in sketchbooks from first hand observations using mixed media and charcoal in particular. We will be inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau, Chihuly glass sculptures and Georgia O'Keefe to make printing blocks and recreate transparent stained glass window art.

**DT:**

We will be exploring how mechanical systems such as levers and linkages create movement.

**ICT:** We will start off by investigating how do games and apps on your computer, tablet or phone work. Then we will move onto decomposition and how it helps with coding and exploring

algorithms, sequencing, debugging and visual coding. Overall, the children we will be improving their ability on game coding.

**PSHE:** This term we will be using our new whole school 'Jigsaw' scheme. Our theme for this term is 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. 'Relationships' will focus on making and sustaining friendships, staying safe online, being a good citizen and understanding what is a healthy relationship. 'Changing Me' will focus on changing bodies of boys and girls, babies and their needs, and family stereotypes (all age appropriate). We will of course be looking ahead to the future when moving to a new class.

**Music:** This term we will be developing our singing technique through the theme of the Vikings. The children develop their singing technique; learning to keep in time, and work on musical notation and rhythm, culminating in a group performance of a song with actions. In summer 2 we will be focussing on ballads. Children learn what ballads are, how to identify their features and how to convey different emotions when performing them. Using an animation as inspiration, children carefully select vocabulary to describe the story, before turning them into lyrics by incorporating rhyming words and following the structure of a traditional ballad.

**French:** This term we will be focussing on 'Our School'. We will be learning the French words for objects in our classroom, school subjects, places around school and stationery.