



Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter



Welcome back to Year 3! We hope you have all had a joyful and peaceful Easter holiday. Miss Wilkinson and I are looking forward to having lots of adventures with your children as we head into our final term of Year 3. This half term our value is *DIGNITY* and after half term our value will be *JOY*

English

This term in English we shall be writing a non-chronological report on bees; this work has been inspired by our reading of 'Bee Boy - Clash of the Killer Queens' by Tony De Saulles as part of our participation in the Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award. The children will research different aspects of bees and then plan, design and write an information leaflet on the topic. This work will be displayed at Dorking Halls where we shall be attending the Book Awards on the 21st May. Following on from this work we shall be studying a story by Oliver Jeffers. The work begins with the children 'discovering' the setting from the text of the empty armchair and posing questions to make predictions about the text. The children will explore the text further, writing character descriptions using a range of descriptive vocabulary. After the half term break the children will be studying a beautiful picture book by David Wiesner, they will discover a camera that has appeared in the classroom and contains mysterious photographs (taken from the book) that they must investigate through their English work.

Homework

The children will have a homework book and will be set work on Friday which must be completed and handed back in by the following Wednesday. We will have a weekly spelling and times table test on Friday afternoons.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will continue to be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will be taught French and PSHE during this time by Mrs Lane and Ms Wilkinson and PE with Mr Smith.

Maths

This term in Maths we shall be learning how to add and subtract a three-digit number and a two-digit number using the expanded written method and moving onto the formal written method. We shall be continuing to learn about the properties of shapes and angles; the children will be introduced to the term acute and obtuse with regards to the size of an angle. The children will embed their understanding of how to use the grid method to multiply a teen number by a one-digit number which will be extended with the expanded short multiplication method. We shall also be consolidating the formal layout for division using known times tables. During the term will continue to learn about time and money; problem solving, making those concepts relevant to the children's everyday lives.

Science

During the first half term the children will be studying Light. The children will be taught to:

- Recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- Notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes
- Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object
- Find patterns in the way that the sizes of shadows change.

After the half term break the children will be consolidating their knowledge and understanding of the different topics they have learnt about in Science during the course of the academic year.



P.E

P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Smith and Ms Wilkinson. Please ensure your child has the correct, named P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/navy tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts and trainers. P.E. kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home on Thursday for washing. Swimming lessons will continue to be on a Friday morning. As with last term, the children need a named towel, swimming costume, goggles and swimming cap in a named bag. The children will be provided with a snack but if you would like to provide your child with a healthy snack. The final swimming lesson will be on the 12th July. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. ALL earrings must be taken out for both of these P.E

Philosophy and PSHE

We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum. Mrs Lane will also be teaching P.S.H.E on a Thursday afternoon.

Expressive Arts

Our Art focus this term will be to make our own printing blocks using string. This work will be a cross curricula link to R.E creating a printing block of the Icthus Christian symbol. In connection to KUW to children will be making a clay necklace, sewing a bag and learning to weave.

Uniform

Please check that ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags, are clearly labelled and ensure your child has a hat and suncream during the warmer months.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term the children will be studying the topic 'Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will be learning about how humans survived in the Stone Age, what they ate and the settlements they built. We will be learning about Stonehenge and how this construction offers us answers to questions about the past. The children will learn about various celebrations and festivals which happened during this period of history. As an introduction to the topic we were visited by 'Theatre Exchanged' during Thursday morning; the children participated in a two hour practical workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed.

R.E

R.E will continue to be taught across KS2 on a Tuesday afternoon. This half term the children will be exploring the question 'How Has the Christian Message Survived for Over 2000 Years?' We will be learning about The Ascension, Pentecost and the Trinity. After half term the children will be learning about Sikhism; the basic beliefs and practices of the faith. Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop their own understanding of what they believe about belonging and making commitments.

Dates to remember:

- 29.4.19 - After School Clubs replies back to school
- 1.5.19 - Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival
- 2.5.19 - After School Clubs - offer letters go out to parents
- 3.5.19 - Summer Mufti - bring a bottle for the PTFA Summer Garden Party

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak me more privately, please let me know or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Summer term.
Best wishes, Mrs Rutter and Ms Wilkinson

