

Year 3 Summer Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to summer term!

The mornings are brighter, the evenings are longer and the children are back and ready for another term of learning. This letter will go into detail of what we have planned this term.

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English

Our focus text in English this half term is 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. Throughout the term we will be focusing on linking our writing to our History topic, 'The Ancient Egyptians' whenever possible, so this text covers a cross-curricular link between English and History.

This text will develop our reading comprehension skills and act as a stimulus for our descriptive writing. We will discover different cultural versions of traditional stories and create comparisons between texts.

Year 3 will continue to develop their grammar skills with stand alone SPaG lessons. This term, we will also be focusing on comprehension of texts through vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. This will be done by the children completing reading comprehensions to build their confidence and skills.

After half term, we will focus on alternative endings for fairy-tales, using a variety of stories such as 'The 3 Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. These texts will be used to inspire our own narrative writing and will help to focus on the use of figurative language and personification to create strong story endings. At the end of the topic, we will create our own ending to a traditional fairy-tale.

Mathematics

We will begin the Summer term by continuing and finishing our fractions topic.

The following topic will then be mass and capacity, where year 3 will measure equivalent and different weights using grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. They will also discuss volume and capacity.

After mass and capacity, we will move onto money. Understanding the value of money, the different types of coins, and ending the topic with calculating and giving change.

In the second half term, Year 3 will cover

- time – digital, analogue, past and to,
- geometry – angles, vertical and horizontal lines, 2d and 3d shapes,
- And a short statistics block – tables, bar graphs.

The children will be expected to know all their times tables by the end of the year. We will practice times tables frequently, both formally with times tables grids and informally using times tables games. Please do encourage them to practice as much as possible, the more practice, the better!

History

In Summer, Year 3 will begin their 'Ancient Egyptians' topic. We will be covering topics such as hieroglyphics, pyramids, mummification and much more! This topic will also allow us to visit the British Museum, a fantastic school trip that will allow us to observe real mummies and Egyptian artefacts!

Science

In our topic of Summer term, Year 3 will be covering the topic 'Forces and Magnets'. Year 3 will be exploring different forces, the attraction and repellents of magnets and magnetic poles. Throughout our Science topic, we have practical lessons, exploring 'how objects move on different surfaces' and 'compare materials and their attraction to magnets'. These experiments will help to develop scientific skills and deepen conceptual understanding of the topic.

In our second half term, our topic remains the same. We endeavour to go to the Science museum, this will help extend the children's learning and will show our 'Forces and Magnets' knowledge to the experts!

Religious Education

Our first RE topic is 'Celebrating Easter and Pentecost' where we will cover the resurrection of Jesus, looking at scripture and understanding the Holy Spirit. Our second topic in Summer 2 will be 'Being a Christian', where we look at what being a Christian involved and how Jesus helps us. We through this learn how to help others ourselves and the importance of prayer.

We continue to have prayer and reflection time within our classroom, and our whole school mass and liturgies.

Computing

The children will learn about email and digital communication. We will be looking at what an email is, how we compose them and how we stay safe when sending them. As always, we also retain a key focus on the children learning about the importance of e-safety.

Design and Technology

In D+T this half term, we will be looking at designing and making an Egyptian collar. We will be using the skill of sewing and cross-stitch. This topic links to our overall History topic.

PE

Children will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday with Fulham Football Club. Children must arrive at school in their PE kits every Tuesday and Thursday rather than regular school uniform.

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a **Monday morning** on google classroom and is to be handed back into school the following Monday in their homework books. Alongside the Maths and English, children will be given spellings and times tables work. Times tables and spellings are to be learned for the following week. Their times table tests and spelling tests will take place on Friday.

Please encourage your children to read every night and to record what they have read in their reading records. Once a week your child should read aloud with an adult or older sibling at home. The adult must record a comment about the child's reading and sign their name.

Reading books will be changed weekly on a **Friday morning**. Please make sure your child has brought their book and reading record into school on Friday, books cannot be changed unless your child brings them in. Library books are changed on **Wednesdays**, and the same applies.

Alongside their reading record, children will be given a 'word log', we greatly encourage your children to use these. They write a new word they have read, research the definition, and add it to their word log. It helps children to build their vocabulary and understanding whilst reading and is incredibly beneficial to their English development.

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