



Year 3 Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We have a very busy final term ahead of us so we would like to share some information with you including important dates and information about the curriculum content we will be covering in the Summer Term. Keep an eye on our class blog on the website for regular updates and pictures of what we have been doing in class.

Weekly Events:

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| Monday | Spelling Basic skills session |
| Tuesday | Spanish |
| Wednesday | SPAG basic skills session; Music |
| Thursday | P.E. – full P.E. kit required |
| Friday | Homework set |

Homework: Homework will be set on SeeSaw for the children to complete. The homework will consist of: one Maths activity; one English activity. An activity from the extended curriculum will be included during the half term. If your child struggles with the work set, please do not hesitate to let me know and I will offer extra support. Please ensure children have completed it by the following Friday for responses to be made.

Reading: Each child is expected to bring their reading book in each day. Mrs Bloor will read with the children and change books if required. It is very useful for the children to have their book bags in school every day for carrying letters and other items. Please ensure books have been signed as you listen to your child read and I encourage you to make comments on their progress. We would like to encourage all our children and families to read together as much as they can

The first part of the morning (8.55 – 9.35) is Basic Skills time, when there will be whole class reading, spelling activities, comprehension and grammar work.

English: Class books this term are 'Fox' and 'The Iron Man'. Two genres will be taught per text, examples being narrative writing and instructions. I encourage the class to make the consistent effort to improve handwriting and presentation. A lot of work is done to promote new vocabulary within the school and the children are supported to use this new vocabulary in their writing. Our working walls celebrate and support learning.

Maths: The beginning of the morning (8.45-8.55) will be spent doing basic skills. This covers the four operations of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Please ensure your child is on time, as they will miss valuable maths time if they are late.

Year 3 topics this term will be Fractions, Measurement – (Time and Mass and Capacity) and Geometry (Properties of Shape). Children will use practical equipment to support their learning and their fluency. Once confident in a particular skill, the children will apply their knowledge through reasoning and problem solving.

Fluency in times tables is important, particularly as by the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their multiplication facts. The children need to practice their times tables on a regular basis; to learn them off by heart as soon as possible will dramatically help their progress. In Year 3, we concentrate on the x3, x4, x8 times tables but children should work to become confident in all. School promotes and encourages use of Times Tables Rockstars. Your child should have received a username and password. If there are any problems please inform me and I will help.

Science: The children will continue their topic of 'Light' this term before learning about Plants and Pollination.

Computing: Topics in Computing are 'How things work' – including Networks and Publishing Online Content.

Geography: The children will be learning about the UK – about its regions and counties, its physical and human features. Later in the Summer term, the class will also visit and walk up Moel Famau in North Wales, with the support of the UK Military School.

RE: The children will be answering enquiry questions: 'What do different people believe about God?' and 'Why do people pray?' We will cover all major religions in our RE topics throughout the year.

PSHE: Topics are Computer Safety – Making friends online and Relationships – Touch. The children undertake rich discussions and decision making.

Music: The children will be learning the song 'Lean on Me' which will include musical elements, performance and some instrumental parts.

Spanish: The children will continue to learn Spanish phrases and vocabulary with Mrs. Grindley. Topics for the term are sports (likes/dislikes) and counting 1-40 (including random order).

Art: The children will use mixed media in the topic 'Down Our Street' using our local community as inspiration.

DT: The topic for the term is Textiles. The children will research, then design and make their own bag using a range of stitching techniques.

Some useful vocabulary – please discuss with your children at home to support learning

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| Art | Mixed media, effect, landscape, background | Science | Light, reflection, surface, root, stem, trunk, leaves |
| Music | Beat, pulse, rhythm, tempo, glockenspiel, pitch | Maths | 12 and 24 hour clock, analogue, digital, fraction, numerator, denominator, 2d and 3d shape, properties, mass, capacity |
| RE | belief, worship, prayer, faith, symbol, sacred text, spiritual | SPAG | Headings, subheadings, word families, tense |
| History | County, region, landscape, physical feature, human feature, landmark | Computing | Networks, hardware, software, graphic design, publishing, content |

If you have not already, then download and sign-up for the SeeSaw app. Thank you to those who have already downloaded it and been in contact when needed. Please follow our twitter @C3Pleasant for regular updates on our lessons throughout the week. Parental engagement via Seesaw and Twitter will help your child know the work they are doing in school is widely praised and valuable to them.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Dean and Mrs Bloor