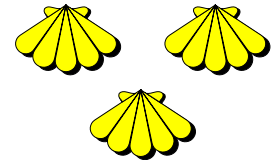


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Summer 2023 Newsletter

Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of our school year. Time really has flown by! I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter holiday. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term:

In English, we will be working in blocks to develop an understanding of first person narratives and third person narratives. We will be exploring a range of books which link to our Stone Age/Iron Age topic. We will also be delving into direct speech and how to punctuate speech correctly. Alongside the writing focus, we will also be enjoying our class books, 'Operation Gadgetman' and 'The Dancing Bear'. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be daily handwriting and spelling lessons.

In Maths, we will be focusing on our times tables. By the end of Year 3 your child should know at least the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables. We will be continuing our work on fractions and division. We will be learning long division and how to divide two and three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. Alongside this, we will be learning how to tell the time. It would be beneficial for your child to begin wearing a watch so they are exposed to telling the time outside of school.

In Science, we will be exploring light and shadows. Pupils will explore what happens when light reflects off a mirror or other reflective surfaces, including playing mirror games to help them to answer questions about how light behaves. They will be encouraged to think about why it is important to protect their eyes from bright lights. They will look for, and measure, shadows, and find out how they are formed and what might cause the shadows to change.

In History, the children will explore the key features of the Bronze and Iron Ages, and come to conclusions about the developments within the periods. Links will be made to the Stone Age period, which they have studied in the spring term. Throughout the unit, the children will use a variety of sources of evidence to investigate the period, including archaeological evidence with a focus on the Amesbury Archer, the Lindow Man, Roman written accounts of the Celts and reconstruction drawings of both periods.

In Geography, we will be learning about the coast of the British Isles. Children will consider some of the advantages and disadvantages of living by the coast, and how much of the UK's coast has changed from a focus on fishing to one on tourism. Throughout the unit they will also be introduced to a few contrasting coasts around the world, and associated environmental issues, extending their coastal and locational knowledge and encouraging critical thinking and presenting an argument.



In Computing, we will begin our work on branching databases and simulations.

In R.E. we will be exploring Islam and looking deeper into the following questions: How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah? After half term, the children will continue to learn about Christianity and explore why good stewardship and generous giving is important for every Christian.

In P.E. we will be doing tag rugby and athletics which will be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. Please remove earrings and provide a named water bottle.

In Art, we will be creating our own Egyptian scrolls (in preparation for their Year 4 Egyptians topic). The children will explore the importance of Ancient Egyptian art through discussion and questioning. They will assess the suitability of the surface for drawing when creating their backgrounds. The children will begin to record colours, patterns and shapes through observational drawing.

We will be learning French each week for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well as investigating French culture.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and is due back the following Wednesday. The focus for homework will be a spelling rule task and either a Maths or English task. Please remember that children are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week. The children may have additional homework to support their learning.

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle with a lift up lid. **Please ensure that toys are not brought into school.**

I would also be grateful if you could continue to provide your child with fruit or vegetables for snack each day.

Please feel free to contact me via the office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sadler
Class Teacher

