

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A

This Term

Our writing theme is *The Secret Garden*

In class, we will be reading *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson-Burnett. Some of the work the children will be writing this half term include a story, a character description, a setting description and and poetry.

SPAG

We will continue revisiting grammar terms previously taught. We will develop our understanding of pronouns, verbs, prefixes, inverted commas, possessive apostrophes, expanded noun phrases and reflect on previous grammar learning. Spelling lessons will take place using the Spelling Shed scheme.

Reading

Our focus texts for this half term will be in a 2-week carousel, linking to picture books, poetry and non-fiction. They will do a weekly reading comprehension and will engage in reading activities focussing on, fluency, retrieval, inference, and opinion for a range of books, extracts and genres.

Our class reading for pleasure book will be *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

Maths

In maths, we will be reading the time on an analogue clock to the nearest 5 minutes and eventually nearest minute. We will explore time on digital clocks, as well as understanding the difference between am and pm. We will continue to explore fractions, adding and subtracting with like denominators and calculating the amounts of unit and non-unit fractions. We will also be looking at Money, considering values of coins, working in pounds and pence, calculating amounts and finding change. Please feel free to practise reading an analogue clock to the nearest minute at home! It is also helpful if your child knows simple time equivalences e.g. 1 day = 24 hours.

Science

We will be exploring Plants. We will aim that the children will:

Know the function of the different parts of the flowering plant (roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers),

Know that light, air, water, nutrients from soil and room to grow are all important for plant growth,

Find out how water is transported within a plant,

Know the part that flowers play in the life cycle of a flowering plant,

Know about pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Foundation Subjects

ART – children will be using natural materials to make images. We will explore artists who use natural materials to make artwork, such as pigments and sunlight. Children will use foraged natural materials to create artwork which reflect the environment that the objects were found in.

RSHE –we will cover Being Safe (road safety, risks, hazards and dangers), Drugs, alcohol and tobacco (learn

and identify the benefits and risks of medicine) and Health and Prevention (identifying safe and unsafe sun exposure, identify how germs spread and consider how to stop this, understand how vaccines work).

COMPUTING – children will explore branching databases, focusing on yes / no questioning.

GEOGRAPHY – we are focusing on how earthquakes and volcanoes occur, their location around the world and any recent occurrences.

P.E. – Summer A will include the Beyond the Physical teaching units of Duel, Win, Lose and Position, Possession, Patience. 3S will also be having taster sessions in Morris dancing.

MUSIC – this half term will involve learning to play the recorder and reading musical notation. We will learn the notes B, A and G to start.

RE – In Summer A, we will be learning what Christians believe about a good life.

Reminders

Read books regularly during the week and record any reading at home in the reading records.

Spellings are issued on Spelling Shed on Wednesdays and tested the following Wednesday.

Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars www.ttrockstars.com.

Please ensure children have a labelled PE kit that remains in school. In summer, more PE lessons will be completed outside, so if possible, please can children have a pair of trainers in their PE kit.

If your child has pierced ears, please ensure your children can remove the earrings independently or provide them with tape to apply. Hair bobbles also for longer hair.

Contact Details

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support.

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Important Dates

9th May – Year 3 assembly to raise money for our year group charity and school minibuses (more information to shortly)

23rd May – Break up from school

24th May – INSET date

