

Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 1



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter Break and are ready for the new term. We have lots of exciting things planned this term including our Buckden residential, which is only a couple of weeks away!

For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

English

This half term in English, we will continue reading our class book, the Nothing to See Here Hotel. As we read through the book together, we will work on areas of the writing curriculum.

Maths

We will start this half term with a new topic of mass and capacity in maths. Then, we will move onto looking at fractions again but this time focusing on adding and subtracting fractions.

Science

This half term in science we will be looking at plants. We will look at the different parts of a flower and the processes of germination and pollination. We will also conduct an experiment where we will investigate the importance of the dispersal of seeds.

Computing

In computing, we will be learning about databases, following the Purple Mash scheme of learning.

History

Our History topic this term is to learn about the Mayans.

The children will be asked the following questions:

- What were Mayan cities and architecture like?
- Who are the Maya?
- What are the 'systems' used by the Maya?
- Who was Pakal the Great?
- What did the ancient Maya believe in?

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

French

Year 3 will focus on the body, beginning with vocabulary, and progressing to phrases using 'j'ai...' to describe ailments, physical sensations and emotions. This topic provides an ideal opportunity to introduce the essential phrase, 'je suis...' (I am...).

Home Learning

Home Learning will consist of one set of optional English tasks, one set of optional Maths tasks and a set of ideas for our home learning gallery which will take place on Friday 5th July. This will be given out on Friday 19th April.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Fridays. Please comment positively on your child's reading in their reading record at the end of each book they have read.

Library

The children will now visit the library on **Wednesdays** and will be able to borrow one book per week. Please remember to return the library book with your child every **Wednesday**, so they are able to exchange it for a new book.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 17th April – Carnival Art Day
Wednesday 24th April – Friday 26th April – Buckden House Residential
Monday 6th May – Ilkley Carnival
Monday 20th May – Sports day practice
Wednesday 22nd May – Sports Day
Friday 5th July – Home Learning Gallery