



YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Summer Term

ENGLISH

This term, we will be writing an explanation text based upon The Shirt Machine, some short stories, a postcard using our recount skills using the book Meercat Mail and a biography from recent current affairs, which will link to our Neurodiversity day. In guided reading lessons, we will continue to work on our reading fluency, reading with expression and understanding using a range of texts, including song lyrics from musicals, extracts from different stories and other children's classics. In English lessons, we will continue to develop our basic joins, working on the size and position of the letters, using a flowing motion. EdShed (spelling) lessons will focus on different suffixes that change the meaning of the root word, homophones and challenge words which have irregular spelling patterns.

In maths, we will be moving on to adding and subtracting fractions and working more on unit and non-unit fractions. We will then be moving onto money and time. As always, these units will be very practical where the children will get to physically use money and make time on handheld clocks. Each lesson will include an element of reasoning and problem solving, and children are encouraged to use the vocabulary recorded in our Vocabulary Vault to explain their answers. The term will finish off by looking at the statistics unit including collecting and presenting data in different formats. Times tables will play a very important part of these lesson – keep practising these at home as much as you can!!

MATHS

Our science topic of Plant Nutrition and Reproduction begins this term, followed by a unit of learning about Light and Shadows in the second half of the term. We will be learning about the requirements of plants for growth and survival. We will be able to describe the parts of flowering plants and relate structure to function. Our investigations will focus on elements of fair testing and making close observations. The Light and Shadow unit focuses on investigating the phenomena of reflections and shadows, looking for patterns in collected data. We will also explore the risks associated with the Sun.

SCIENCE

Art: We will be learning about the genre of botanical art, creating natural weavings and detailed botanical paintings of fruit.

Computing: Our focus for computing is learning about algorithms and debugging, using Scratch. We then move onto learning how to use Microsoft PowerPoint.

French: We will learn to respond to common classroom instructions and the vocabulary for classroom items. We will also move on to use our detective skills to spot cognates and work out meaning relating to transport and finally develop our animal and habitat vocabulary.

History: We will learn about the impact the Romans had on Britain, both the lasting impact and for those living in Britain at the time.

Music: During the summer term, we will learn about jazz (ragtime) and then listen to a range of rag and tal music, identifying traditional Indian instruments and creating our own improvisations.

PE: This term in PE, we will be learning the skills needed for gymnastics, cricket and athletics.

PSHE: Our two key foci this term are Being my Best and Growing and Changing. We will learn about things that affect a person's health and how we can create health goals. After half term, we will learn about relationships and changes in our own bodies and prepare for moving on to a new year group.

RE: We will complete our learning about Hajj and then move on to learn about the Jewish celebration of Shavuot and the Buddhist festival of Vesak.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2nd May: FORPS fundraising day and family reading (from 2:40)

Monday 5th May: Bank holiday

Monday 26th May–Friday 30th May: Half Term

Monday 2nd June: Children back to school

Friday 20th June: Family reading (from 2:40)

Friday 27th June: Inset day (no children in school)

Friday 4th July: Sports day

Monday 7th July: Back up sports day in case of bad weather

Friday 11th July: Move up morning

Monday 14th July: Open evening

Tuesday 22nd July: Last day of term



WORK GALLERY

