



Summer 2018

YEAR 3

NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths

In the first part of the term we will continue to investigate and apply our knowledge of fractions. We will then be moving on to Time—analogue and digital and learning to measure periods of time.

Children will also be investigating shape (2D and 3D) and symmetry.

Towards the end of the term we will be revisiting basic arithmetic skills.

Please keep practising times tables to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division.

English

This term we will be writing stories with historical settings and learning to write explanation texts.

Later in the term we will be discovering how to create mystery and suspense in our writing, particularly thinking about scene setting, use of figurative language and variation of sentence structure.

To support your child at home you could share different types of books and discuss the characters' feelings, problems and actions by asking questions—How does this character feel? How do you know? What might happen next?

Science

This term we will be investigating plants— firstly considering how plants grow and the processes involved.

Secondly, we will learn about flowers, fruits and seeds and the process of pollination.

This will be supported by an educational visit to Hatfield Forest to learn about Trees and Bees. More information on this will follow shortly.

Computing

In computing children will become communicators and presenters of their own information. They will have an opportunity to use various presentation software to create and enhance their own material to present to others.

To find out more about staying safe online, look at Hector's world. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Music & French

During Music this term we will all be learning to play the recorder and read basic musical notation.

During French lessons the children will learn words, songs and actions around the theme of 'Le Petit Chaperon Rouge' to begin to put their French vocabulary to use.

RE & PSHE

The Summer term brings an opportunity to investigate and begin to understand religions other than Christianity. Our focus this year will be Sikhism.

During PSHE lessons we will look at how we live in the wider world. We will also be learning about age-appropriate elements of our Sex and Relationships curriculum.

More information about this will follow shortly.

Geography

Our main topic for Geography this term will be a study of Italy - its physical geography, its land use and its similarities and differences to places we are more familiar with in the UK.

We will also be looking at the physical processes of volcanoes in more detail.

History

With volcanoes in mind, and following on from our learning about Romans, we will be finding out about Pompeii, the eruption of Vesuvius and the effect on the people who lived there.

This will link with our English, Geography and D&T.

Art & D&T

Our theme for this term is 'natural beauty' which will involve appreciation of the natural world and learning to create art inspired by nature using watercolours.

In D&T we will also be making our own volcanoes, applying our learning from Geography.