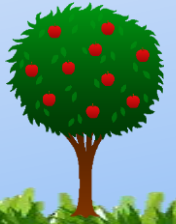


Life in All its Fullness – Come and See



Year 3

Summer 2024 Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you have all had a lovely well-deserved and restful Easter break and very much look forward to working with your children during the Summer Term. Outlined below are the topics, which will be covered over the coming term. Year 3 will continue to be ably supported by Mrs Lane Monday to Thursday.

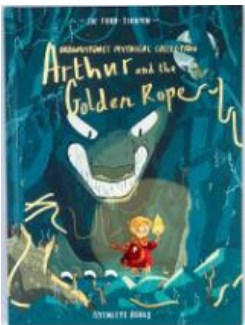
Maths

In Maths, we will continue to use the **Herts for Learning** materials along with other resources to support our teaching of the Primary Curriculum. During this term, we will be focusing on ordering and comparing fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators. We will also be revisiting multiplication and division before building on our prior knowledge and learning the formal written methods. We will then be moving onto time, focussing on hours, minutes, seconds, days, weeks, months, years. Followed by telling the time (analogue and digital), as well as estimation and duration. In addition to this we will be securing all four operations and starting to introduce decimals and 3D shapes.



English

In English, we are really enjoying the CLPE units. Our books this term are 'Arthur & the golden rope' and 'One plastic bag'. To start our term, we will be making links between 'Arthur and the golden rope' and our History topic about Ancient Greece. This will include learning about myths and their key features. We will have the opportunity to practise grammar taught so far this year including prepositions and direct speech. We will continue to use powerful verbs and adjectives to really develop and expand our writing skills. Towards the end of the first half term and into the second we will be exploring free verse poetry and non – chronological reports. In addition, we will be carrying out regular whole class **Guided Reading** sessions, continuing to use a range of questioning to develop the children's comprehension skills. There will also be regular dedicated spelling sessions.



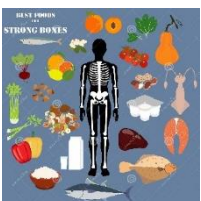
History / Geography

Our topic for the whole term will be Ancient Greeks. We will start History in the first half term by exploring who the Ancient Greek people were, when and where they lived, and what daily life was like in Ancient Greece. We will investigate how the political system worked in Ancient Greece, including legacy of Athenian Democracy and compare it with the political systems we have today. We will also learn about Ancient Greek religion including a variety of Greek gods. We will explore Ancient Greek architecture, including different types of columns. In the second half term will be moving on the geography part of our learning. We will be locating some of Europe's countries and capitals. Then we will move onto comparing an area of Greece to our local area.



Science

We are going to be finding out the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles. After half term we are going to move onto our plant unit, learning the names of different parts of plants, and the jobs they do. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well, and will present their findings.



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RE

This term the children will focus on the religions of Christianity and Judaism. We will base our learning on the following questions:

What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?

What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God?



PE

The children will have swimming lessons on a Monday morning for the remainder of the term. Please send children to school in their school uniform along with their swimming kit in a separate bag – they will need swimsuit or trunks, swimming hat for those with long hair, a towel and goggles. Our other PE day will continue to be a Wednesday. We will be focusing on Athletics for the rest of this half term. In the second half term, the children will be focusing on Rounders.



Art and DT

In D&T, we will be creating mythical monsters using pneumatics.

In ART lessons, we will be learning about and practising skills in printing, starting with geometric patterns. In the second half term, we will move onto DT and will be focusing on a 'Healthy and Varied Diet'.



Computing

Over the coming term we are going to be looking at branching databases. In the second half term we will be looking into spreadsheets and presentations (e.g. Powerpoint). For most of our learning we will be continuing to use Purple Mash.

Music

Using our excellent music scheme, Sing-up, the children will follow the units called 'Just three notes/ Samba with Sergio' and 'Fly with the stars'.



RHE (Relationship and Health Education)

RHE lessons will follow our JIGSAW scheme of work. This term the children will be following the units 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'.

Further information

Please continue to **read daily** and practice **times tables** with your child at home. This is essential to support their learning and progress in school. Additional tasks will continue to be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a weekly basis - basis – handed out on a **Thursday** and returned the following **Wednesday**. These will often be a Maths and spelling activity but may also include other subject areas.

Please provide your child with a **daily healthy snack** for break time and please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. As the weather is getting warmer, you may also wish to consider a **sun hat**. Please can all clothing be clearly named as well.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating life in all its fullness.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Lane.