

Year 3 Summer Term Update

A Message from the Class Teachers

Wow! We can't believe we are already in the summer term! Doesn't time fly when you're having fun? We are so proud of our wonderful year 3 children who always work hard and try their very best. We have lots more exciting learning activities planned for this term including a trip to 'The Seven Stories' book museum in Newcastle.

Y3 will begin a new Blue Coat University rotation every Friday afternoon which will be as followed:

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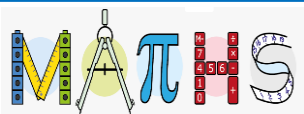
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Our homework tasks will continue to be set every Monday and they are planned to support the work done in class and will be as follows:

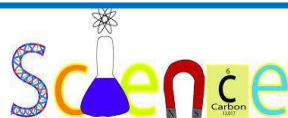
- A mathseeds task
- Spelling list on Readwriter (earn at least 500 points).
- Lexia: Complete the work generated and ensure to complete individual allocated minutes.
 - At least 20 minutes per day reading at home.



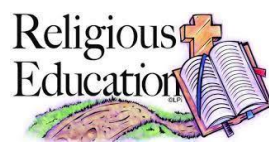
We are excited to be continuing to read '*The BFG*' this term and will be writing a recipe inspired by this. Following this, the children will learn the skills necessary to write their own play script. Later in the term we will be reading '*The Cloud Tea Monkeys*' and the children will create their own non-chronological report. We finish the term on a film unit called Pigeon Impossible.



The children will be applying their knowledge of times tables to multiply larger numbers this term, therefore any support at home to help the children develop their quick recall of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables would be greatly appreciated! We will also be looking at fractions and units of measure. Throughout our lessons we will consider how these skills are transferable to real life situations.



This term, we will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants. We will explore the requirements for life and growth and examine the way in which water and nutrients are transported within plants. We will learn about the part that flowers play in the life cycle of plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. We will then move on to look at light and how it is reflected from different surfaces. When studying shadows, we will find out how they are formed and try to discover patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.



This term in RE our topic is 'People of God'. We will be looking at a range of bible stories and thinking about the relationship the characters have with God. We will be thinking about how this might impact on Christians today.



We will explore the Ancient Greeks and find out about their achievements and how they have shaped our world.



This term we are looking at mapwork. We will learn about the eight points of the compass, map symbols and features of the globe including the poles, equator and the hemispheres.



In Music we will be focusing on how to identify Melody and Harmony in a piece of music. We are going to learn to write short melodies using basic musical notation. We are then going to introduce the recorder instrument to our lessons. Y3 pupils are going to learn to play notes on the recorder and learn how to read basic notation. By the end of the year Y3 pupils will be able to play melodies on the recorder as an end of year performance in assembly.



In Art we will be continuing our focus on Natural Forms and looking at Patterns. We will explore the question 'What would it look like if fire and water merged?' whilst learning to make paste paper weaves.



In computing, we will continue to develop our key computing skills. We have already looked at spoof websites for internet safety and will look at using databases, improving our word processing skills and, in what I know will be a great disappointment to all the children, more coding on Scratch.



This term we will be completing a school wide project called 'This is Me'. We will be looking at ways to raise our self esteem and why it is important to have a positive mindset. We will also think about what makes us special and unique as well as what makes a positive friendship.

French

This term our topic is 'Unite essentielle 3' where we will be Identifying body parts, counting up to 31, naming the months of the year and talking about birthdays. As always the children participate with enjoyment in our lessons.



In PE we will be looking at Athletics where our focus will be on 'Throwing Events'. We will be looking at activities including Javelin, Discus and Shot Put. In the second half of the term we will be looking at 'Striking and Fielding' where we will be focusing on Rounders.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Year 3 team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Snowdon, Mrs Spoors, Mrs Haselhurst, Mrs Kipling and Mr Jackson