



Year 3 Newsletter

Summer 1

Welcome back Year 3! We hope everyone had a lovely break and is feeling well rested and ready for the new term. We have lots of interesting new topics to learn about as well as our swimming lessons and some exciting trips coming up.

Don't forget that swimming lessons will be every Thursday morning from now until the end of the year. Children can wear PE kit and will need to bring their swimming costume, towel and goggles (if they have them) in a separate bag.

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school with them every day. Many thanks, the Year 3 team.

Dates for your diary

28th April—Whole class photos

20th May—trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens

Every Thursday: Swimming

18th-22nd May—Aspirations Weekend

22nd May—Talent show

How can I help my child with their learning?

Parents can play an important role in supporting their child's learning at home. Take time to ask your child questions about what they have been learning in school and encourage them to explain their ideas, as talking about learning helps children remember and understand more. Reading together regularly and discussing books can also build confidence and vocabulary. Visiting places such as Thetford Library can help children discover new books and develop a love of reading.

We encourage the children to answer questions in full sentences.

SHAPE your Speech



Sentences – not single words

Hand away from mouth

Articulate

Project



Eye contact



Our Value this half term is 'Aspire'

Aspire - An NRA Super Learner has high aspirations for themselves and high standards for their learning. They have ambitions and support the ambitions of others. They are organised and take responsibility and care greatly about their learning to ensure they achieve the best they can.

Children revisit the Aspire value daily in class and weekly in our values assembly. This half term we will also be celebrating our value through 'Aspirations Week'. A week where children are able to consider future careers and aspirations through a range of visitors and special assemblies.

Curriculum Focus

English

In English this half term the children are writing journey stories that are inspired by our text Paddington by Michael Bond. We will be focusing on the use of conjunctions to extend our sentences, integrating dialogue and making our writing interesting for the reader.



Maths

This half term we are extending our knowledge of fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions as well as finding fractions of a set of objects. We will then move onto money and time. Don't forget that year 3 children who can tell the time to the nearest minute are given their own watch by Mrs. Miles!

Science

In Science we are learning about plants. We will be finding out how botanists look at plants, the parts of a plant, how plants transport water, pollination and seed dispersal. Our trip to the Botanic Gardens in May will be a great opportunity to consolidate this knowledge.



Computing

The children will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Learners will create physical and on-screen branching databases.

Art

In Art children will be exploring architecture. They will learn about symmetry as well as looking at the Parthenon and learning about the architect Gaudi and how he used different materials and forms.

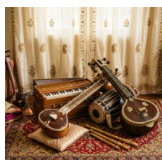


Life Skills

We will be finishing our learning about safety and the changing body. This will cover making choices, influences and staying safe out an about. After this, we will move onto citizenship where children will explore our rights and responsibilities as well as different ways that we can serve our community.

Music

In music we will be learning about traditional Indian music. We will explore Indian musical instruments before moving on to playing ragas, drones and tals. We will finish the unit by putting these all together in a performance.



Geography

In Geography this half term the children will be learning about Western Europe. The children will be using maps to identify countries such as France, Germany and the Netherlands. Children will be looking at key physical and human features of these places and exploring how they differ from the UK .

History

Our unit in History this half term is: 'Law and Power'. The children will learn why Henry II is known as the father of common law, the events of the Holy Wars, King John and the Magna Carta and how the first parliament was established.



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