

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are well and had a great Easter break. Thank you for coming in for parents evening and for supporting your child. I am really enjoying teaching this class and am looking forward to another exciting and fun filled term.

Overarching Theme – ‘The Art of Living’

Our theme for this term is ‘The Art of Living’. Under this theme, we will learn about rainforests. In science, we will cover plants and animals including humans as well as keeping healthy.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about Rainforests. We will be using maps to find the rainforests in the world, looking at rainforest climate and the layers of rainforests. We will also learn about some of the people and tribes who live there. Our learning will also focus on threats to the rainforest including the effects of deforestation.

Science

Animals including humans: Under this topic, children will develop specialised knowledge, skills and understanding in nutrition, muscles, bones and joints and will conduct research in order to answer topic related questions.

Plants: Children will learn about roots, stems, leaves, flowers/fruit, and their purposes. In addition, they will be exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth. Further investigation work will be carried out on how water is transported in a plant. We will also consider the purpose of flowers in a plant – looking at seed dispersal and pollination.

Art and Design and Technology

This term we will be participating in lots of creative work. We will be looking at painting and colour mixing including the use of tones. This term we will be studying these artists:

Henri Rousseau

William Morris

Maths

In Maths, we will revise written methods of multiplication and division; we will be learning to read the time, 3D shapes and their properties; measurement (mass and capacity); we will also calculate using fractions and decimals. Often in year 3 children find learning to read the time challenging- if you feel that this may be the case for your child, can I please recommend you have an analogue clock visible for them at home, maybe in their bedroom, or even a watch and that you spend time daily looking at it and discussing the time. In our daily fluency lessons, we will continue to focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including the use of bar models.

Literacy

Our literacy is linked into our topic work, with the intention of providing the children with a cross-curricular creative learning journey. This term we will produce:

- Non chronological reports about rainforests and plants.
- An adventure story set in the Rainforest.
- Letter writing about deforestation

We will also continue to have our daily spelling lessons and weekly Comprehension and Grammar lessons, and Guided Reading sessions.

R.E.

We will continue to have R.E. Days this term- our next two will focus on the following key questions:

What kind of world did Jesus want?

How and why do people try to make the world a better place?

Computing

In computing this term, we will be learning to send and receive emails. The children all have email addresses set up by our computing team – Edit and will be learning to read and send emails including using attachments.

PHSE

Weekly Circle Time Sessions review the Golden Rules and explore any issues arising within the term. We are also trialling our scheme of work for PSHE – Jigsaw.

Music

In Music we will be focusing on singing including learning the songs for the Key Stage 2 performance. We will also complete work using Charanga.

Physical Education

P.E. lessons are currently on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children are advised to keep their P.E. kits in school all week. Our P.E. this term is rounders and cricket, moving on to athletics after half term.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30th May—Country dancing

Wednesday 1st May – Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Class Routines

Here are some reminders of the weekly routine in Year 3:

- Homework is given out on a Monday and expected in on a Friday.
- Spellings are given out on a Monday and the test is the following Monday.
- Reading Records are checked daily and there is a basket in the classroom for children to place them in. Children should be reading at least 3 times a week with an adult.
- Reading Passports are checked on a Thursday.

What are Year 3 learning about this term?

The Art of Living.

(Rainforests, Keeping Healthy, Plants.)



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