

**Summer Term 2021
(Year 3)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the Easter break (We hope the Easter bunny was kind to you all!).

We would like to share with you an overview of the term ahead. In maths, we will be continuing to practise, rapidly recalling numbers bonds, doubling numbers, odd and even numbers, addition and subtraction and times tables (2,3,5,& 10) before moving onto the remaining timetables up to times 12. After spending more time on multiplication, we will progress to division. We will also spend some time focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and telling the time. Don't forget that your children can login in at home to practice their maths using Mathletics and TT Rockstars.

During both reading and writing sessions, we will be focusing on alternative fairy tales. We will read 'Prince Henry' by Oly Pike as inspiration to write our own alternative fairy tale and then later a persuasive letter. In reading lessons we will share approximately three alternative fairy tales each week, for the next seven weeks. This will allow us to gain a broad knowledge of stories and to compare and contrast different styles of writing.

During the second part of the summer term, we will be reading the book, 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd and we will use it to help us write a newspaper report. We will also continue to answer VIPERS style questions in our reading sessions. Using Reading Plus and Myon.com at home, is a great way to help support your child's reading at home.

In history lessons this term, children will be learning about The Roman Empire. Topics we will cover will include The Army, Julius Caesar and Celts vs Romans. Linking to our work on the Romans, in geography we will be focusing on "The Bay of Naples'. In DT we will also research, design, make and evaluate on own viaducts using various different junk materials.

In Science, we will study rocks and the use of everyday materials. Later in the term, we will also look at animals including humans, light and forces and magnets.

To support classroom based study, we ordinarily plan x2 educational visits (x1 per half term) linked to topics in class, and to support creative writing. These visits always provide a valuable learning experience, which will link directly with teaching back in school and we look forward to reintroducing these visits when it is safe to do so.

Please remember...

After the Easter break, we ask that all children come to school wearing their school uniform. Your child will change into their PE kit at school. A change of shoes is required for PE. Please ensure that their PE kit is brought into school each Monday. PE kit will return home each Friday to be washed for the following week. **Year 3 PE is every Monday and Wednesday.**

It's vitally important that your child practices their reading at home and brings their reading book to school every day – please support your child to clock-up their reading miles!

School Holidays in the Summer Term 2021

School closes for Half term – Friday 28th May

School reopens – Monday 7th June

School closes for Summer – Friday 16th July

School reopens – Thursday 2nd September

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor) via main reception.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Bates, Miss Rispin and Mrs Sayers (Year 3 Team)