

A note from Mrs Carter

Welcome back to the final term of the school year, summer term! I hope everyone is nice and refreshed after the Easter break and is ready to work hard and enjoy school in the lead up to the summer holidays. You will have seen we have shared posters on Dojo of our class cause, 'Charity:water'. During this term we will be completing a sponsored obstacle course to raise money for our cause and we really hope you support us with this. Y3 will also be taking on responsibility of being the environment leaders and ensuring the playground and field are litter free and tidy. This term we will have lots happening including an afternoon all about David Attenborough, creating Ancient Egyptian scrolls and Sports Day.

English

In English this term, we will be starting with Seen and Not Heard by Katie May Green and will be writing an alliteration poem, a mischief narrative and instructions for mischief! Then we will move on to Into the Forest, where we will write an alliteration poem and a lost narrative.

This term in class, we are reading...

Escape from Pompeii by Christine Balit.
Pompeii by Carmel Reilly.
Smile by Spike Milligan.

Charlotte's Web by E.B.White.

These three texts are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on:

- mass and capacity
- fractions
- money
- time
- shape

We will continue to consolidate our times tables across lessons.

Science

In science, we will begin the term with a physics unit focused on 'Sound'. The children will explore how sound travels to our ears and will complete an investigation on how the distance a sound has to travel affects the volume.

We will then move on to learning about food chains in our biology unit where we will understand producers and consumers and create our own food chains.

History

In history this term we will be deepening our knowledge of Ancient Greece by exploring the Golden Age, famous Greek philosophers and the Peloponnesian war.

In the second half term we will be learning about Alexander the Great and his conquest of the Persian Empire.

Geography

In geography this term we will be learning all about volcanoes and will explore different types of volcanoes and what happens when they erupt! Pupils will also learn about the layers of the earth and how these link to the formation and eruption of volcanoes.

In the second half of the term we will be learning about climates and biomes and how these differ across the continents of the world.

Other curriculum information:

Homework

Homework will be given out each **Friday** and should be returned before the **following Friday**. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

Home Reading

Please listen to your child read **at least three times per week for 15 minutes** and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school **every Monday** to be checked by Mrs Richardson.

TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

Compulsory homework

Children are expected to complete **20 minutes** of TT Rockstar games which will be set **each week**. This is checked weekly and must be completed by **Thursday**. Pupils will need to **complete this Thursday dinner time if not completed at home**.

Spellings

Pupils will be given ten spellings to learn every **Tuesday** for a spelling test the following **Tuesday**. **The pass mark is 7/10.**

Other curriculum information

Skills Builder- Our focus skills this term are aiming high and problem solving. The children will complete tasks that will support them to develop these skills and be given opportunities in lessons to exercise them.

Art and Design- In art this term, Y3 will create their own ancient scrolls inspired by the Egyptians and will research and analyse the fabric designs of William Morris. In design and technology, the children will develop their textiles skills with the application of fastenings and in the final half term will create their own torches.

Computing – This term, we will continue to focus on online safety and will explore the weather as part of our data handling topic. We will also be learning about how to design a website as part of the topic, 'Creating media'.

PSHE – During this term we will be continuing with My Happy Mind where the focus will be 'Engage'. In PSHE We will also be exploring the themes of keeping safe and exploring how we grow and change and will also be learning about economic wellbeing.

PE- Y3's P.E session will be swimming. Swimming lessons take place on **Monday afternoons**. The correct kit is required and a £2 contribution to the coach each week. Children who have passed swimming will be doing athletics and tennis with Mr Broughton.

RE – During the first half term, we will be exploring prayer across different faiths in our 'What is prayer topic?' and in the second half term we are researching the different faith communities in our town as part of our 'How are faith communities represented in Wigan?' topic.

Music- Y3 will be developing their singing techniques as part of a topic focused on Vikings and in the second half term they will explore body and tuned percussion during the topic of Rainforests.

Spanish- This term, we will explore how to talk about pets in Spanish and will continue to develop our phonics knowledge.