



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 3 – Summer Term ~ Curriculum Letter

Welcome to our curriculum letter within which you will find useful information about the Summer term in Year 3.

Reminders:

- Please can P.E. kit be in school all week from Monday morning; weather permitting there may be extra opportunities to get outside. This includes trainers for the children. The P.E. kit will then be sent home each Friday.
- Home learning will continue to be set on a Friday and is due to be returned by the following Wednesday.
- The children will also bring home a spelling puzzle, with words to learn, in their home learning folder.
- The tables that the children should be confident in are: 2x, 3x, 4x, 8x, 5x and 10x. There will be a focus on building fluency in these times tables throughout the term. Our focus will also move to the application of our tables knowledge to calculations that are greater than 12 lots of, such as 23×4 .
- Regular reading continues to be essential. This could include reading books, newspapers, magazines, comics or non-fiction books.
- Forest schools and outdoor learning will continue on a Tuesday morning so please ensure that all children have the correct clothing and footwear in school. Although it may be warm, the children must wear long trousers for Brandy Hole Copse visits. Groups will be swapping from forest schools to outdoor learning with the first session booked for Tuesday 8th May.

Last term (The Spring Term):

The Spring term was very busy. We met Paul Bones and learnt about life as a pirate and smuggler. We flew to Cuba and enjoyed an entertaining safety video, and other tourist clips, as well as eating a refreshing tropical fruit skewer. There were many other highlights for us which included:

- Pirate Day – dressing as pirates, learning about smugglers and trying our hand at fencing;
- Making smuggler's boxes and using our creative skills in cutting and sticking materials to make the artefacts to go inside;
- Learning how to marble using inks, and then creating a front cover for our topic books using silhouette shapes;
- Visiting the Novium museum to take part in a free workshop learning about the Hawkhurst Gang;
- Performing our class assembly; singing pirate songs, sharing our Hispaniola crew paintings and writing, and doing the sailor's Hornpipe dance.



Thank you for your continued support in making each term a success.

This weekend, you will be receiving your child's Spring term topic book. Please spend some time together over the weekend, looking at, enjoying and reflecting upon your child's work from last term. I hope that you will also be able to record some comments on the topic evaluation sheet, to feedback your thoughts on your child's achievements. We do ask that you return the topic book by Monday 30th April so that we can view your feedback and then

keep the book in school as evidence of work completed during the Spring term. Thank you! In due course, this work will be sent home again for you and your child to keep.

This term (The Summer Term):

This term looks set to be an exciting one. Our topic for the term is Ancient Greece, which has history as its focus, but will also link to literacy, maths, geography, art, computing and D&T. We will first be looking at modern day Greece, before delving into the past, studying Ancient Greece. It is a topic that will have us investigating the origins of the Olympic Games and studying many of the mythical heroes and monsters of this period.



- We will be having a Greek Morning. Mr Paul Ullson (a history specialist), will be sharing his expertise with us. The children will learn about the possible truth behind the myths and legends, the origins of the Olympic Games and sampling some Greek foods. The morning is planned for Thursday 28th June. **Children may come dressed as an ancient Greek.**
- We will be learning to play cricket, athletics and rounders this term.
- We are lucky to have some specialist support in our French with Mrs Ritchie and in our science with Mrs Osborne.
- A RSPB workshop is booked for the morning of Wednesday 16th May.
- Forest school and outdoor learning sessions will continue on a Tuesday morning (Group 2 swapping to Forest school on the 8th May. If you wish to come along for a session please let me know).
- As a school, we are planning a science week starting on Monday 21st May.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Building fluency in tables knowledge: 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 10x and 8x tables. (Please move to others if your child is ready);
- Arithmetic questions practised using the home learning sheet as a guide – same format but change the numbers;
- Reading regularly, discussing the characters, the settings and the plot of stories. Also, identifying the punctuation used, especially the inverted commas for dialogue;
- Keeping an eye out for words that follow the spelling rules that we learn each week, as well as writing and learning the spelling of the words listed;
- Using the internet and library to find information about life in Ancient Greek times and how they have influenced our lives today;
- Writing about things that interest them, including writing to entertain, such as stories and poems, and writing to inform, such as news articles and factual writing.

Kind regards,

Mrs Saunders