



# 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. **They will not need football boots or shin pads for the Summer Term.** The P.E. kit will then be sent home each Friday.
- Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and is due to be returned by the following Tuesday.
- The children will also bring home a spelling puzzle, with words to learn, in their homework folder.
- The tables the children should be confident in are: 2x, 3x, 4x, 8x, 5x and 10x. There will be a focus on building fluency in these tables at the start of the term. Then our focus will move to the application of our tables knowledge to calculations that are greater than 12 lots of, such as  $23 \times 4$ .
- 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. Please remember that 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 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### 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 in an afternoon, and we were very lucky to have two visitors come and talk about their holiday experiences in Cuba. There were many other highlights for us which included:

- Pirate Day – dressing as pirates, learning about smugglers and trying our hand at fencing.
- Making healthy sandwiches – and then devouring them.
- Learning how to marble using inks, and then creating a dream bottle as a part of Roald Dahl week.
- Performing our class assembly; singing pirate songs and sharing our Hispaniola crew paintings.



Thank you for your continued support in making the 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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 main focus but will also link to literacy, maths, geography, art, computing and D&T. We will first be looking at modern day Greece, and then 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 two Greek Mornings. Mr Paul Ullson (a history specialist), will be sharing his expertise with us on both occasions. 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 first morning is planned for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and the second is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. **Children may come dressed as an ancient Greek on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**
- Children will be learning to play cricket, athletics and rounders this term.
- We are lucky to have some specialist support in our music as well as two French mornings with Mrs Ritchie.
- As a school we are planning a creative week starting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It will have a Space theme and the children will get a chance to visit the Novium on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- During the afternoon of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May the class will be going to Bishop Luffa to take part in a gymnastics workshop.
- During the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June the children will be visiting Chichester library to listen to the author Laura James. Parents will be needed to support walking on each of these trips out. If you are able to come along please let me know.

## 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);
- 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.
- Using the internet and library to find information about life in Ancient Greek times and how they have influenced our lives today.