



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Welcome back – I hope you all feel rested and refreshed after the Easter break. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning and activities planned for the final months of the year.

Forest School

Our first topic of the term is 'Plants, Parks and Forest School'. The children have already begun taking part in this exciting series of lessons which allow them to explore their natural environment, learn practical skills and take part in some active experiences outside of the classroom. I know both groups have really enjoyed the opportunity so far and are looking forward to more sessions outside in the summer term.

As a reminder, children should come to school on these Thursday mornings wearing clothes suitable for being outside whatever the weather. A water bottle, particularly on warmer days, will also be really useful for those doing forest school off-site as well. Everyone will need their normal school uniform to change into ready for the afternoons.

The remaining dates for each group are as follows:

	Group 1 Ash and Maple	Group 2 Beech and Oak
Thursday April 28th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Thursday May 5th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Thursday May 12th	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse	Outdoor learning within the school grounds
Thursday May 19th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Thursday May 26th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
<i>(Half term)</i>		
Thursday June 9th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Thursday June 16th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Thursday June 23rd	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse
Thursday June 30th	Outdoor learning within the school grounds	Forest School session at Brandy Hole Copse

Ancient Greece

Our second topic for the summer, starting in June after half term, will be Ancient Greece. We will have the opportunity to find out about this fascinating civilisation which was the birthplace to many things we still recognise and use to this day, like the alphabet, democracy and the Olympic Games. As part of our topic, we will be hosting an Ancient Greece themed dress-up day on Tuesday 21st June, where we will be joined by local history expert Paul Ullson – I would greatly appreciate your help in organising a costume for your child on this day to help us immerse ourselves in our learning. A simple white bedsheet, tied at the waist with string or a belt, could be ideal!

P.E.

Our PE lessons this term will be held on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings, though it's useful for children to have their kit in throughout the week for any ad-hoc sporting activities as well. We will endeavour to send PE kits home on a Friday – please do give these a wash over the weekend if possible.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include school reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We are beginning to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context.

Home learning

A home learning task will continue to be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Tuesday and due in again the following Monday. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will also be given out and tested every Tuesday. Additional copies of the home learning tasks, if required, are left in folders in the classroom. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

Year 3 Diary Dates

Thursday 28th April – Thursday 30th June – Forest school/outdoor learning every Thursday

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half term

Monday 6th June - Inset day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 21st June – Y3 Ancient Greece day with Paul Ullson (including Greek costumes)

Monday 18th July – Whole-school production of The Lion King (3:30pm)

Thursday 21st July – Final school day of the year

I know that this is going to be another exciting term and Miss Akehurst, Mrs. Walker and I are really looking forward to making sure this is a brilliant end to the year for the class. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to see me after school or arrange a more formal appointment via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mr. Donald Vass
Y3 Class Teacher