

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very exciting term ahead of us. In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the Summer Term.

Classes	Year 3 – Lemurs and Meerkats	
Class Teachers	Mrs Lacey and Miss Downing	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Turner & Mrs Diamond – Lemurs Mrs Matthews - Meerkats	
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on Thursdays. The home learning sheet should be stuck into the home learning books and will detail each task. Mathletics tasks are set to help children practise and reinforce maths skills taught in school that week. Your child has also been given their access codes to the Times Tables Rockstars website. This website can be accessed at any time via the website or app.	
PE kits	We will have one weekly PE session, every Thursday, as well as Friday swimming lessons. Please ensure named PE kit is in school every day should we need to change the session timing for any reason. All ear-rings should be removed on PE and swimming days and long hair must be tied back.	
Friday Swimming	Our swimming lessons are held at the Bishop Wand School. Please send children into school wearing their swimming kit under their school uniform. Please send in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A towel • Goggles • A swimming hat • Fresh underclothes They will take these items to the pool in a named bag . Please refer to the swimming letter on the school website for more information or see the class teacher.	
Theme work	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<i>Let There Be Light</i>	<i>Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!</i>
Wow Events this term:	For 'Let There Be Light', we hope to be able to arrange for the children to experience a Light Dome, an inflatable dome light show, in the school led by an outside instructor. This may be arranged after the half-term. For our second theme, we are planning two full days of linked art and creative activities in school.	

Please find below an overview of our learning this term which will help you to support your child at home. If you have any questions about these curriculum areas, please come and talk to us.

English

We will start the first three weeks of this half term learning about adventure stories and will use features of adventure stories to write our own. We then focus on poetry and then on persuasive writing. After half-term, we will create seaside poems. We will finish the year by revisiting adventure stories where children will use their understanding of the seaside to write an exciting tale!

Maths

Our schedule of learning for the Summer term will include focus weeks on: number and fractions; measurement and time; properties of shapes and mass and capacity. Please continue to practise times tables as much as possible using Times Tables Rockstars.

RE

Within our collective worships, our iShare theme is 'Inspired' and children join together on Wednesdays for Hymns of Worship.

During our R.E lessons, we will be revisiting Sikhism and investigating 'What it means to be a Sikh.' After half-term, we will move on to focus on, 'How did belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament?'

PE

In our PE sessions, we will learn and develop athletics skills including throwing, catching, running and jumping. The weekly swimming sessions will encourage all children to work towards the target of swimming 25m. Those children who are already confident swimmers will be challenged to further develop the quality of their swimming strokes and stamina for swimming greater distances.

ICT/ Computing

We will be learning about staying safe online and protecting ourselves online. Children will have an opportunity to think about how they use the internet and some of the advantages and disadvantages around its use. The children will also continue to develop their coding skills using the class LearnPads.

Theme

Our theme this half term is 'Let There Be Light'. Children will understand sources of light and investigate which materials reflect or block light. They will look at the way in which light is represented in images and artwork as well as use DT (design and technology) skills to make prototypes and explain the workings of objects used to reflect or block light.

The theme next half-term is "Oh I do like to be beside the seaside" which develops children's understanding of: human and physical geography; types of rocks and formations; coasts; the creation of fossils and cliffs and erosion. We will learn about the development of beaches and seaside resorts over the last 150 years and how coastlines are used today.

We are looking forward to our final term of learning in Year 3!

Thank you for your continuing support.
Miss Downing and Mrs Lacey