



Year 3 Squirrels Newsletter Term 6 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe it is the last term of the academic year already! I am sure you will all agree- it has flown by! This term is very busy, so please make sure you check weekly newsletters and letters for dates of key events.

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th June - Sponsored Bounce
Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June- Well-being week
Monday 17th June - Assessment week
Friday 21st June - Lorenden for a forest school afternoon
Thursday 4th July - Whole school transition day
Friday 5th July - Summer Fayre
Friday 12th July - School Disco
Wednesday 17th July - Sports Day
Friday 19th July - Open Afternoon
Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term 6

Curriculum Content

Literacy: We are going to start the term looking at poems. This will be a large block of lessons where we will be listening to and reading a variety of poems, including: The Sounds in the Evening, There are Big Waves and Bedtime by Eleanor Farjeon and "Quack!" Said the Billy-Goat by Charles Causley. Year 3 will practise performing these by developing their expression and identifying grammatical vocabulary before writing their own versions based on what they have learnt.

Numeracy: The children will learn how to read and write the time, including clocks with roman numerals, 12-hour digital clocks and the 24-hour time. We will then look at comparing the duration of events by seeing how long an event took and ordering times from quickest to slowest. We will also be doing weekly arithmetic practise to recap formal methods learnt previously in the year.

Science: The topic for science this term is all about investigations. Year 3 are going to have a 'blast' this term investigating a range of topics that they have learnt so far this year. We will be developing 'how to be a scientist' by exploring questions about science, planning our own investigations and finding out how things work. For example, we will be experimenting how to make our own rockets...

Humanities: Our topic is 'The Rainforest' this term. This engaging topic will introduce children to rainforests around the world. They will learn what they are, where they are, what they contain and who lives there! Along the way they will develop their skills by creating reports, booklets about creatures of the rainforest, and becoming David Attenborough!



Art and Design: Alongside our rainforests topic the children will be creating some artwork based on the artist Henri Rousseau's painting of 'Surprise (Tropical storm with a tiger)'. The children will begin exploring his style of painting and will create their own finished piece.

RE: This term we will be discussing a key question: what do different people believe about God? This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religions and spiritual ways of life regarding diverse beliefs about God. The children will engage in systematic enquiry into significant questions which religion and worldviews address, so that they can develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses to questions, as well as their own.

Music: Year three will be exploring singing games with Mrs Berry. We will sing and play a range of singing games, understand that singing games have musical characteristics that contribute to their success and attempt to make up tunes for our own singing games, using appropriate actions!

Computing: The topic for this term is 'We are Bug Fixers' where the children will look at computer programmes, such as Scratch, with bugs and aim to solve them. They explain how the scripts work, finding and correcting errors in them, and explore creative ways of improving them. The children will learn to recognise some common types of programming error and practise solving problems through logical thinking.

PE: Indoors: Dance- **Wednesdays** Outdoor: PE with Mr Packer- **Tuesday Mornings**
Children will need to make sure that they have their P.E kits in school every week. Just a reminder, this consists of a plain white or red t-shirt with the school logo, plain black shorts, plimsolls and trainers. Please mark every item with your child's name. Long hair will need to be tied back and ear-rings need to be removed or covered on P.E days.

French: Our final french topic in year three is Ça pousse! (Growing things) with Mrs Berry. The purpose of this unit is to teach the children some names of some vegetables and how to say what they like and do not like.

PHSCE: Our topic this term is 'Changes'. We will be discussing feelings of changes as we prepare for the long summer holiday ahead and experiencing change ready for our new classes in September.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind Regards,

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