



Year Three Newsletter Summer 2017



Welcome back! Please find below an outline of the Year 3 learning journey for this term.

English

Our first English topic this term is linked to the text 'Flotsam'. We will be reading the book and linking this to writing about the characters and themes of the story. This will culminate in the children writing their own story on a similar theme. We will also be looking at information texts whilst researching and writing about rivers and the water cycle.

Handwriting is still very important, please help your child to show their neatest handwriting, writing and presentation in their homework book. When reading with your child, please talk about what has been read to check understanding.

Maths

During Maths this term the children will be consolidating methods for the four operations. We will be continuing our work on problem solving, investigations and how to work systematically to find a solution to a problem.

By the end of Year 3 children are expected to be able to tell the time to the nearest minute and to know the 3, 4 and 8 x tables. At home please spend some time practising these tables and also helping your child to accurately tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks.

Our Topic—Water

In Geography our topic is water. We will be finding out about how rivers are formed and about the water cycle. Our water topic will link into Art, English and ICT lessons. We will be going on a trip later this term to The Brunel Museum where children will learn about archaeology and the River Thames. In ICT the focus this term will be on coding.

Year 3 will continue to learn the recorder and you will be invited to a concert later this term to hear them play and show what they have learnt. Children will also continue with French lessons and will enjoy some taster sessions in Mandarin this term.

Homework

Homework is set on Friday and will consist of spellings, x tables and a writing or maths task. Spellings and tables will be tested every Friday. Please make sure your child writes each word they are learning to spell in a sentence, in their homework book, as well as learning how to spell the word. Please read daily with your child as this makes a significant difference to their progress.

PE is every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please ensure your child has their full kit in school on Monday to ensure they don't miss out.

