

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very exciting time 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	Mr Burton, Mrs Lacey and Mrs Chessum,	
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Turner – Lemur Mrs Singh – Lemur (last part of Summer) Mrs Matthews - Meerkats	
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. Sheets should be stuck in to 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. It would also greatly benefit your child in their maths learning if they regularly practised their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. There are some great songs and games which can be found online to help with this learning.	
PE kits	We will have one PE day every Tuesday, as well as the Friday swimming morning. Please ensure the named PE kit is in school on the Tuesday. All jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.	
Friday Swimming	Our swimming morning is Friday at Bishop Wand School from Friday 20 th April. Send children to school in their swimming kit, wearing a track suit (sweatshirt / jogging pants) on top for swimming days. Please send in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A towel - Goggles - A swimming hat - Fresh underclothes and school uniform Children will travel to the pool wearing tracksuits over their swimming kit. They should take their towel, goggles, swimming hat and underclothes to the pool with a named bag . After the lesson, they will change into their track suits and dry underclothes. On their return to school, they will change into school uniform. Please refer to the swimming letter on the school website for more information or see the class teacher.	
Planned trips this term:	For 'Let There Be Light', children will experience a Light Dome which is an inflatable dome light show in the school led by an outside instructor.	
Theme work	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<i>Let There Be Light</i>	<i>Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!</i>

We have outlined 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 topics, please come and talk to us.

Literacy

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 persuasive writing and then on poetry. 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

For the first half of the Summer term, we will focus on place value and strategies for addition and subtraction. We finish the term learning about capacity and strategies for multiplication and division. After half-term, children will learn about perimeter and measurement, fractions, money, estimation and inverse relationships. Please continue to practise 3, 4 and 8 times tables as much as possible.

RE

Within our collective worships, our focus will be on the Christian values of reverence and Justice. In R.E, we will be revisiting Sikhism and investigating 'What it means to be a Sikh.' In Summer 2, 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, online communities, privacy 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.

Theme

Our theme this half term is 'Let There Be Light'. Children will understand sources of light, what it is made up from and 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 supports children's understanding of: human and physical geography; types of rocks and formations; coasts; 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 and the exciting things yet to learn!

Thank you for your continuing support.
Mr Burton and Mrs Lacey

