

Year 3 Newsletter –



Summer Term



What we have been learning in the Spring term:

What a wonderful Spring term we have had!

English – We really enjoyed reading “The Last Garden” by Rachel Ip and Anneli Bray. We have focussed on using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech and creating abstract noun phrases. We have enjoyed planning and writing our own versions of the story.

Reading – We have been continuing to focus on developing our fluency and doing close reads of texts, thinking about the writer’s intent and what devices the writer uses. We have also read the non-fiction book “Stone Age Beasts” and have enjoyed finding out interesting facts!

Maths – We have been learning how to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We have also been telling the time to 5 minutes and measuring duration of time.

Science – This term, we have explored light and shadows as well as forces. We have investigated different surfaces as well as contact forces.

Art – We have been studying paintings by the artist Paul Klee. We have been practising creating different tones, tints, secondary and tertiary colours. The children have enjoyed mixing colours and creating their own piece of artwork in the style of Paul Klee.

History – We have been learning about the Stone and to Iron age, looking at how different tools and weapons are developed. The children also looked at why cave paintings were significant to Stone Age life.

Geography – We have been focussing on how diverse local and UK landscapes are. The children have been using maps to look at different land use, thinking about human and physical features.

PSHE – We have been learning about health and wellbeing.

RE – We have learning about the concept ‘good and evil’ including the Hindu festival of Holi and the story of Prahlad. We have also begun to look at the concept of ‘symbol’ and why the cross is important to Christians.

Computing – This term, we have been using scratch and exploring how to programme a sprite to create a sequence of movements.

Music – We have been learning about pentatonic melodies. The children created their own melody and performed it to the other class using a glockenspiel.

PE – The children have been learning how to balance in different ways and working collaboratively to play competitive team games.

Spanish – We have been learning how to recognise and say up to 10 different fruits in Spanish.

Other- We enjoyed World book day when we went on “A Journey”.

Next term’s home-learning:

- Please can the children keep practicing their times tables.
- Practise weekly spellings and complete assignments set on Emile.
- Read at least 3 times a week if possible. Remember to get your child to bring in their library book every **Friday** so they can change their book. Please can children remember to bring in their reading logs and make sure you have written in if you have done any reading at home.

Next half term, we will be learning...

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Reading	Main texts: The Necklace of Raindrops and The Abominables. Our class read will be "Fortunately, the Milk" by Neil Gaiman.
Writing	We will be writing our own mysteries inspired by the book "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick". We will also be reading "Flotsam" by David Wiesner as inspiration for our writing.
Maths	We will be finding fractions of a shape and an amount. We will also be looking at angles and shapes. Finally, we will be looking at mass and capacity.
Science	We will also be learning how fossils are formed and about types of rock. We will then be looking at plants. The children will explore the functions of parts of a plant and investigate the requirements for growth.
PSHE	We will be focusing on Relationships and safety.
RE	We will be exploring stories with messages, focusing on Christianity and what a message means in a story. We will also be learning about the story of the prodigal son.
History/Geography	In History we will be learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children will explore who the Vikings were and why they came to Britain. We will be looking at rivers and what is special about them. The children will also explore what causes rivers to flood and the impact that this has.
DT/Art	We will be designing, making and evaluating a moving toy using pneumatics. In Art, we will be printing, looking at Aztec artisans.
Computing	We will be looking at branching databases. The children will begin by developing their understanding of what a branching database and then they will use the computer to create their own branching database to sort objects.
Music	We will be developing their singing techniques and composing a Viking battle song.
Spanish	We will be learning how to recognise and name 10 vegetables.
PE	Alongside our sports coaches, the children will be developing their fielding skills and developing their running skills in athletics.

Key Dates

- We will be going to Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday 20th May to learn more about Vikings.

