

Year 3 Summer Term Learning



English:

Writing this term is inspired by former children's laureate Michael Morpurgo's novel *The Wreck of the Zanzibar*, set on the Scilly Isles at the beginning of the last century. Writers will learn the features of different text types, including newspaper reports, diaries, letters, and information texts, through writing as or about characters in the story. Our summer performance will give all children the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills.

Maths:

As confidence, accuracy and fluency in times tables grows, children will develop greater accuracy with formal calculation methods for the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will develop and cement their understanding through work with physical resources as well as pictorial representations. Telling the time, understanding fractions, and converting measurements (e.g. cm to m) are all topics covered this term.

Topic:

Children will be playing djembes in music this term, learning about tone, dynamics and rhythm. In Science, children will be learning about plants through dissection, and later in the summer they will learn about rocks, fossils and soil. In History, children will be finding out about how the Vikings lived, and in Geography, they will learn about environmental problems facing our planet, including climate change, pollution and deforestation. Children will learn how to make tote bags in DT; they will use ink and rollers to create mono prints in Art; they will begin to write programs and debug errors in Computing; and they will continue to learn Latin words and phrases.

Other information:

PE will take place on Monday afternoon and Friday morning each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. The PE requirement is white t-shirt, black shorts/sports leggings/jogging bottoms, and trainers. On Fridays, children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their school uniform with them in their bags to change into later. Warmer clothes (a plain black/navy blue jumper and/or a coat) would be advisable as PE will almost always take place outside.

Children need to bring in their own water bottle from home.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from the Silverthorne playground.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the main priority in Year 3.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on Class Dojo.