



Y3 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Celebrating last half term

We have enjoyed another successful half-term in the lead up to the Easter holidays. The children have loved investigating their science project, 'What is the skeleton and why do we need one?', through practical experiments. Our project, 'What was life like for the Ancient Egyptians has been thoroughly enjoyed by all! The children have enjoyed mummifying apples, writing about mummifying their teachers and finding out about Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The children really impressed us with their outstanding behaviour on both of our trips to Weston Park Museum and to see the Halle.

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y3BB: Monday and Friday

Y3JC: Monday and Friday

Y3PW: Monday and Wednesday

Children need to have appropriate clothing for PE, including a school PE t-shirt and trainers. This should be kept in school all term. They will need to have long hair tied back. All jewellery must be removed.

Our Project: What do Plants Need to Help them Grow Successfully?

In this science themed project, we will learn about how plants are useful to humans as well as how they grow well. We will plant sunflowers and complete some interesting investigations. We will also link our project to the wider curriculum, in Art we will be creating realistic observational drawings of natural objects as well as using natural resources to print. As part of our learning, we will be visiting the Botanical Gardens.

English

This half term, our writing genres will be fantasy narratives and formal letters. We will be learning about expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions adverbs. We will also be looking at prepositions The children will have a dedicated reading every day from 9:10am - 9:30am. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills.

Our whole class book is Onyeka And The Academy Of The Sun by Tola Okogwu.

Life skills

In Life Skills this half term, we shall be considering the following question: **How can we look after our physical and mental health?** We shall be learning specifically about the following areas: -
How can I stay fit and healthy?
-Can I avoid getting ill?
-How do I manage my feelings?
-Am I happy all the time?

Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term we will be covering the following topics:

- Fractions
- Money
- Time

In addition, we will have a weekly 'Basic Skills' arithmetic lesson and two 'Flashback Maths' sessions which focus on revisiting and consolidating prior learning.

Ways to support your child at home

Home learning tasks will be included in each child's book.

Other useful home learning tasks include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision
- Talking to them about Life Skills lessons