



Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope the children had a lovely summer break – we've been delighted to see that the children have come back ready to learn and eager to do well. We have a busy and exciting half-term planned.

For your diaries:

Zoo Trip - Friday 11th September

Individual Photos – Tuesday 15th September

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Friday 18th September

Curriculum Evening – Meet the Year 3 Team – Tuesday 22nd September

Parents Evening – Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October (TBC)

Half term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Our Learning this half term:

Topic: Rainforests

We are starting the year with an exciting topic all about rainforests. Children will begin to understand rainforest ecosystems as well as learn about the different layers of the rainforest. We will also explore skeletons and why they are important, healthy eating for humans and animals, and how plants get their food and water.



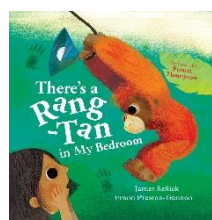
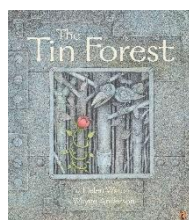
Please do continue to send in craft materials so that the children can complete their rainforest dioramas – please see email sent before summer holidays for further detail.

Art

In art, we will take inspiration from international artist Mark Quinn and local artist Christine Witham to create our own textile flowers.

English

We will study two texts this half term. The first, *The Tin Forest*, will help us write descriptions of contrasting settings. The second, *There's A Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, will link to our rainforest theme and introduce persuasive writing about palm oil production and its impact on orangutans.



Maths

We will begin by looking at place value to ensure that children have a good understanding and number sense of working with numbers up to 1000. Children will use practical resources, drawings, and written methods to show their understanding. They will also be encouraged to explain their thinking and solve real-life word problems.

PSHE

This term we will focus on relationships: learning about families, treating others with respect, and staying safe, including online.

PE

PE takes place on **Mondays (indoor with Sports Bugs)** and **Friday (outdoor – Netball with Jersey Sport)**. Please ensure children have a **NAMED** PE jacket or waterproof coat for outdoor lessons, as we use an all-weather pitch.

Computing

Children will learn to log in to the school laptops, use the internet and Google Classroom, and practise simple editing skills such as copying, pasting, and creating presentations.

Organisation

It has been lovely to see everyone starting the year smartly dressed and ready to learn. Please remember:

- Uniform includes black school shoes or plain black trainers.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- All belongings should be clearly labelled.
- Jewellery, other than small stud earrings, are not permitted at school for safety reasons.
- In Year 3, children can bring in a small pencil case which includes; writing pencils, colouring pencils, a glue stick, sharpener, rubber and ruler. Please make sure that the pencil case does not distract from your child's learning.
- Please ensure that all personal belongings are clearly named.

As always, should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards and best wishes,

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