

# **Welcome to Class 3's Summer Overview**



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are working very hard in year 1, with all of the expectations of Key Stage one. We are very proud of them all. Summer term is an exciting and busy term and so we want to support you in every way we can so you can best support your children. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Class 3 through a newsletter.

We are also using Google Classroom for updates. Thank you, Miss Yassin and Mrs Burns.



#### **Maths**

In maths this term we are focusing on number, multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, measurement, money and time.

We will be practising our counting skills, forwards and backwards to 50, including recognising and writing numbers to 20 in numbers and words.

We will look at measurement, including money and time. These skills can be re-enforced at home.

We will be practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and mental arithmetic to improve our rapid recall skills. We will also be practicing doubles and halves to 10. Please support your child in practicing these skills.

# **English**



This term in English we will look at non-fiction writing, including poetry. Our current topic is looking at the Victorian seaside. We are focusing on sentence structure, punctuation and grammar, this will be practised daily in class.

We will practise our phonics daily, including spellings and common exception words throughout the term. We are now using a scheme called Little Wandle and will be completing spellings from this scheme.

We are preparing ourselves for the year 1 phonics screening test which will take place in early June.

In our guided reading sessions, we will practise our reading skills including comprehension skills to help our understanding of a text.

Grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting will be practised daily in class

Finally, we will be encouraging all children to speak clearly in full sentences, as this is also a focus.

#### RE

Our first topic that we will look at this term is Pentecost – Spread the word. In this topic, we will look at Bible stories and recognise some of these to be able to retell to our families and friends. We learn about the Gift of the Holy Spirit and will know and understand about passing on messages and spreading this Gospel message. Through the Gift of the Holy Spirit, we will encourage children to be able to talk about their experiences and say what they wonder about.

#### Science

During the spring term we will be learning about plants in the topic, our allotment. We will be planting various vegetable seeds and observing these as they grow through the various stages. We will investigate what is needed for a seed to grow. We will also I be learning about healthy eating and what a sensible diet will be.

Pupils will be taught to use practical scientific methods, processes and skills.

#### PE

Mr Poole will continue to teach one of our P.E lessons each week. The children will learn the rules of teamwork and develop fundamental skills.

They will practise ball control, throwing and catching, balancing and wide and narrow movements.

This will take place on a Friday afternoon, so remember to have PE Kits in school.

(White tops/red shorts and plimsolls or trainers).

#### French

Bonjour! In French we will be learning greetings and how to say hello and goodbye. We will also learn Parts of the Body names and Simple Commands and will learn about names of family members.

## Art, Music and D&T

DT will be based around a Victorian seaside, this is linked to our learning in History, we will be designing and making puppets after exploring the various puppets and Punch and Judy puppet shows.

In Music the children will be listening to music exploring pulse and rhythm. They will also be using musical instruments such as glockenspiels.

In Art the children will be developing their drawing skills. We will explore different tools to create marks, simple drawings of people and objects and describe what they draw.

The children will express their opinion on artwork and the artwork of others with reasons for their preference.

## **Computing**

We will be learning about how to stay safe online and be introducing the children to e-safety. Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks. Thank you.

# **History & Geography**

In History this half term the children will be learning about a Victorian seaside – Saltburn. They will explore their own identity, making comparisons to their lives today. The children will reflect on changes within living memory to explore the local seaside and society.

In Geography we will be able to understand and use key words to describe different places, including seaside locations

To know that Saltburn is the nearest seaside resort to Thornaby and know the names of some of the other seaside resorts in the U.K and worldwide; To understand that seaside resorts have changed over time and explain some simple features of seaside holidays in the past;

To visit and use knowledge to describe a UK seaside resort (Saltburn) in detail using a range of information.

#### Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read daily and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day.

It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading. They will be given a new book each Friday and this should be returned the following Thursday.

Spellings will be sent home each second Friday. We practise spellings in school through our phonics scheme, Little Wandle. They are sent home to practise for a spelling test on the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their words weekly in readiness for the test.

## Please access the school website for updates and any other information

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