

Meltham C.E. Primary School

Year 3 Summer Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful break with your children and are ready for the final term of Year 3, where has the time gone?!

Please find on the next page an outline of our summer term topics. Our main focus will be our History study of the Romans. While we cannot go ahead with our usual education visit to Brigantium, we will endeavour to bring Roman history to life within our school grounds. You may have already seen the wonderful photos on Twitter of the growing work that Mrs Pearson has begun with Year 3. This forms part of our Science study work on Plants.

We are all very excited for our very special virtual author visits coming up in the next few weeks. We hope these events, like Rachel Rooney's visit, will further inspire the children's love of books and reading.

The summer term is traditionally when our Relationship and Sex education curriculum is timetabled, this is something we plan to deliver in the coming weeks. The lessons will cover: Difference: male and female, respecting others' personal space and family difference. Further details of the material covered can be found on our school website, or by speaking to any of the Year 3 teaching staff.

In the first half of the summer term, the children are enjoying Forest School activities in our woodland area with Ruth. These sessions are wonderful at developing the children's collaborative skills and problem solving, as well as providing them with time to re-establish their social connections. In the second half term, we will have an outdoor PE session on Thursday with Mr Fox. The children will need to come in appropriate outdoor PE kit on this day. We will remind you of this nearer the time through email and Twitter.

Homework is set each week on Purple Mash, please ensure your child logs on and completes the week before Friday the following week. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading, spelling and times tables homework, it makes a huge difference to your child's interaction with their learning. Regular practice on Times Table Rockstars will increase the children's confidence and recall of times table facts, in readiness for their move to Year 4. Please encourage / remind your children to log in and practise at least once a week.

Our second year group assembly will take place this term, an opportunity for the children to present to you what they have been learning and for you to be amazed by how much they have grown up since the last assembly! We will be

filming the children sharing what they have been learning and will make it available to you in the second week of June.
We will also have our final Welly Day of the year this term, we will let you know of the date nearer the time – the summer term is usually pretty busy!

Finally, please do follow us on Twitter if you don't already, it's a great way to keep up to date with what's going on in Year 3 and allow you a glimpse into your child's day. Our Twitter handle is @yr3melthamce.

Thanks

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Topic Letter Summer Term 2021 Year 3

Subject	
Maths	We will follow the White Rose scheme of work to cover: fractions, properties of shapes and measuring time, mass and capacity. In addition, we will be practising calculations, number facts and helping the children to get ready to progress to Year 4. This includes knowledge and recall of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables up to 12 times the number.
English	Having started the term reading the Cornish story of The Mousehole Cat, we will next get our claws into Varjak Paw by SF Said. We will also develop non-fiction writing and poetry for performance.
Science	Learning focuses on plants, life cycles and functions of the different parts of plants. Children will plan their own investigations and engage in outdoor learning and planting.
RE	Our focus is on Christianity and we have started by exploring the parables told by Jesus through Godly Play.
Computing	We will continue to use Purple Mash to develop knowledge and understanding of computing, with a focus on email and coding.
History	The Roman Empire and its impact on this country.
Geography	This is a comparison of the counties of Cornwall and West Yorkshire, looking at location, physical and human geography.
Design Technology	We plan to make bunting using textiles.
Dance/PE	Folk dancing followed by outdoor PE after half term.
Art	In art our focus will link to our English work on The Mousehole Cat and Varjak Paw.
French	French lessons will resume this term.
Music	We are learning about sea shanties and plan to compose musical scores based on Varjak Paw.
PSHE	This term we will be looking at relationships and helping children manage their feelings. After half term, we will be discussing how to respond to change. In sex and relationships education, we will be considering valuing difference and keeping safe.