

Year 3 Summer Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe.

Be kind.

Be responsible.



Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back to a new term! Our topic for the Summer term is History of Clacton and we will be looking at how our town have changed over the years. We will also be exploring our local community and learning more about the historic landmarks of Clacton, such as the Pier.

Our learning this term

Maths – We will be focussing on the units of fractions, money, time, shapes and measure. We will also revisit mental and written calculations in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Children will be encouraged to develop their knowledge of their times tables, particularly focussing on their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Due to the importance of these skills, we would appreciate your help in supporting your child to learn their tables at home.

English – We will begin by writing adventure stories and then move onto writing non-chronological reports, linking it to our thematic work. There will continue to be a heavy focus on reading, with the children aiming to read three or more times a week and there will also continue to be a focus on fluency. Please remember to sign their reading log. Children can record any reading that they do in their reading logs, not just the book they bring home from school. This could be newspapers, magazines, websites, annuals and manuals.

Other subjects – Our science for this term is 'Plants' – we will be exploring the parts of a flower. We will use observation skills to identify different plants, the parts of a flower and growth over time. We will also be developing our knowledge of Sikhism in RE. In History & Geography we will be learning about our local area, the history of the towns development and key physical and human features. We plan to carry out a trip to Highwoods Country Park in Colchester. More details to follow. During art we will focus on painting skills. The children will also continue their My Happy Mind lessons.

'Learning to Learn' - We are continuing to promote Growth Mindset skills which help us to learn: determination, effort and never giving up! Children will also develop their reflection skills. This is where the children will be taught to look at the work they have done and think about how they could make it even better next time.

Ideas you can explore at home

- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel.
- Practise maths in everyday life by telling the time, counting money and change.
- Practise skip counting in 3s 4s and 8s. Apply to multiplication and division facts.
- Focus on spelling the 3 and 4 common words.
- Continue to practise letter formations and letter joins ensuring letters are an appropriate size.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Promote independence and responsibility for their personal belongings.
- Encourage your child to share new French words and phrases they learn with you at home.
- Play TTRS 10 minutes every day.

Named uniform

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. *This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.*

P.E. kits

Children need to come to school in their PE Kits on PE days.

PE kit uniform expectations: Plain white T-shirt, Black or grey jogging bottoms/sports trousers (no leggings as these can become see through), Black PE shorts (no cycling shorts), School Jumper or cardigan (no branded jumpers or hoodies), Sports Trainers

Year 3 PE days – Monday and Wednesday (both outdoors)

Drinks

Children should bring a named bottle **with water** to school every day. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom, to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage Two need to bring their own healthy snack for break time, preferably fruit.

Hats and Sun-cream

Hopefully the weather will start to get warmer. Please remember to apply sun-cream before school and bring a sun hat for break times and PE sessions.