

Computing

We will explore programming with Scratch; looking at sprites, costume changes and code blocks and then creating musical instruments.

PSHE

Our new topic is 'Relationships' which includes family roles and responsibilities, friendship and online safety.

Year Three Summer 1 Newsletter

We hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing break and are looking forward to the summer term. We have got lots planned as usual! Let's hope for some good weather too!



Science

Our new topic is all about plants, looking at parts of a plant, germination, pollination, bees and plant lifecycles. We will investigate what plants need to grow well. We have already planted our potatoes which hopefully we will be able to harvest and eat later in the term!



English

- We will continue with calligram poetry inspired by the book 'Love that Dog.'
- Later in the half term, we will work on writing persuasive letters.
- The children will also create a tourist guide for Peru linked to our geography.

Music

- The children will continue to work with Mr Mitchell on a weekly basis. Lessons will include developing musical independence by playing rhythmic pieces in 2 parts and composing rhythm phrases.

Art

- Peruvian masks and textile llamas linked to our geography topic.



PE

PE lessons this half term will include athletics which will be run by Stevenage. We will also take part in a tennis unit to develop racket and ball control, returning the ball using forehand and backhand and playing and scoring in a game.



Maths

We will begin with more work on fractions and then move onto money and time. As telling the time can be a tricky concept, you could start practising at home now! Can you tell the time to 1 hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to? Then see if you can tell the time to 5 minute intervals. We will also continue with our fluency sessions to develop and consolidate essential maths skills, such as times tables, doubles and halves and number bonds. Top Marks is a good website for practising bonds and doubles as well as other topics. TT Rockstars allows children to practise times tables and play against others if they want to. The 'Tuesday Maths Challenge' will also continue.

Geography

Our new topic is Peru and we will compare its three different regions - the rainforest, coast and mountains. We will also find out about Machu Picchu and the Incas, and Peru as a holiday destination.

RE

We will look at rules in religions, the five pillars of Islam, Ramadan and Id and giving to charity.

PE

Year 3 will usually have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays, although the children need to have both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change. Please check that they do have everything by referring to the list on the website. Earrings should be covered with the child's own tape or removed, although it is easier not to wear earrings on P.E days. Please make sure you have a water bottle as we usually take these outside with us during lessons.

Reminders

Please bring a named bottle filled with fresh water every day. This is particularly important when the weather gets warmer. Healthy snacks can be brought for playtime. PE kits can be left at school for the half-term. If PE trainers don't fit in the bag, then a separate drawstring bag can be brought. Please make sure all bags, shoes, and items of clothing are named.

Spanish

- The children will continue their lessons with Ms Fernandez on Monday mornings and will have the opportunity to speak, read and write in Spanish.



Useful Websites

Ivy's Plant Shop - a series of films. We will watch some of these in school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zh2hkmm>

Maths Activities This site includes 'Hit the Button' -great for number bonds, doubling and halving and times tables. There are other games to explore too.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

Telling the time

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkfydcdm>

Peru

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/country-fact-file-peru/>



Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

You can make an appointment for after school, or have a brief chat with any of the year 3 staff at the classroom door. We are always happy to help!

You can also contact me on the address below.

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Home Learning Tasks

Weekly spellings based on our work in school will be sent home on Fridays and tested in school on the following Thursday. There will be a spelling shed activity each week which links to the main class spelling work.

You should read at home as much as possible. Please make sure that some of this is reading aloud to your adult. Books can be changed on any day of the week (as long as you can read it fluently and talk about the story). Library books can be borrowed as well.

Practising for the weekly maths challenge. Try to aim for a certificate every 2 weeks! TT Rock Stars or Hit the Button - aim for a few 10-15 minute sessions a week to help you develop your maths skills.

Sometimes, additional tasks may be handed out. These could be based on any subject area. You are also very welcome to carry out your own research by using books or the world wide web (with your adult's permission).

