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Term Ahead: May - July

Primary 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to see the children have settled quickly back into the school routine following their break. They continue to be enthusiastic in their approach to their learning. We thought we would share with you what we will be working on with them this term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy and English</b></p> <p>For reading, we are continuing with our class novels. The children will be learning to recognise the difference between fact and opinion, discussing themes of a story and how the characters might be feeling using clues in the text. We will continue using Word Boost to increase the class' vocabulary.</p> <p>Writing; Children now have a diary, they will have the opportunity to write in these daily to practice their writing skills, including sentence structure and use of interesting vocabulary. We will now be looking at VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) Creating interesting openers and using connectives being our focus.</p> <p>For our spelling this term our focus will be learning a new spelling pattern weekly, using a range of materials and fun activities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>We will be consolidating learning with number processes, learning and focussing on aspects of the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Learning new strategies to solve problems including worded questions whilst using our jotters.</p> <p>This term we will be looking at Time, we be learning how to tell the time using half past, quarter past, quarter to using analogue and digital 12 hour clocks. We will be looking at our units of time and testing our knowledge of the number of seconds in a minute, minutes in an hour, hours in a day, days in each month, weeks and days in a year.</p> <p>Digital resources Sumdog and Topmarks will be used to further support P3 learners in numeracy. Children have their own logins should they wish to use Sumdog at home. Please contact Mrs Main or Mr Riches if you need your log in.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning Across the Curriculum</b></p> <p>This term we will be doing two mini topics. We will have a topic getting to learn all about the wonderful Saughton Park and its Gardens, Glass house and History. We will also be learning about life cycles of plants and insects as we look to re-establish a wild flower garden in addition to our remarkably successful crops of Wheat, Barley, Potatoes and Broad Beans.</p> <p>In health and wellbeing, we are learning to recognise the names of the main food groups and aiming to use a selection of foods to create a balanced meal. With the aim of enjoying a picnic in our beautiful Saughton Park.</p> <p>For Outdoor learning, the children continue to use the outdoor environment to practice their skills learnt in the classroom. To add to this, we will be using natural recycled materials and applying new skills to create a small seed box to grow food for our picnic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Admin</b></p> <p><b>P.E:</b> will take place on <b>Wednesday for P3b and Tuesday for P3a</b> with the PE specialist Mr Murray.</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> In addition to weekly reading at home, we have also supplied a Home Learning Wall which has a range of optional activities which complement our learning in the classroom.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Learning:</b>  <b>P3A: Wednesdays (dress for OL on Thursday too)</b>  <b>P3B: Thursdays</b>        We take every opportunity to learn outdoors (despite the weather!) so please ensure your child comes to school prepared!</p>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Riches & Donna Main

Class Teachers