



Summer Term 2019!

It seems almost impossible that your children have now been with us for nearly a year! The Year 3 team are keen to continue to work closely with you throughout the summer term to ensure your child is a happy and successful learner and also to ensure that your child's transition to Year 4 goes smoothly. This term we also welcome back Mrs Harmer who will join Puffins class on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Class	Teaching Staff	Teaching Assistants
Wrens	Mr Day	Mrs Jones (am)
Kingfishers	Miss Buckland	Mrs Burgess (am)
Puffins	Mrs Harmer (Mon and Tues) Mrs Margree (Wed, Thurs and Fri)	Miss Watts (am) Mrs Raitskin (am) Mrs White (pm)
Jays	Miss Morris (Mon, Tues) Miss Marpole (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Miss Beckett (am) Mrs Fox-Atkins (am)

Cambridge Botanic Gardens

As part of our work on plants, the children visited the Cambridge Botanic Gardens last term. It was lovely to see them come back buzzing with excitement about what they had learnt. We hope they have told you all about the coco de mer, which weighs as much as a 5 year old child and is therefore the largest seed in the world, as well as the Venus fly trap and banana plants amongst many others. We would also like to thank Thorpe Plant Centre for their kind donation of plants for our Science experiments.

Buddhist Centre Visit

Last term also saw a visit from Sarvananda from the Buddhist Centre who told the children about the origins of Buddhism as well as sharing Buddhist beliefs and philosophy. The children also had the opportunity to try out some relaxation techniques.

This term's Curriculum

Our thematic approach to learning continues this term, with 'Ancient Egypt' being our main topic for the term. Incorporated into this topic will be our work on 'Rivers' which this year will be linked to the River Nile. Once more we have many cross-curricular activities planned to interest and inspire the children, including our annual Arts Week, where children will have the opportunity to explore different media and which will be linked to different decades this year to tie in with our 50th celebrations. Arts Week will culminate in an exhibition. Please invite your child to share their learning with you and encourage them to carry out additional research at home. To give you an insight, an overview of the summer term curriculum is attached.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term children will be receiving Sex and Relationships education (a separate letter was sent out before the holidays) followed by courage. During this work they will learn about the different stages of growing up as well as how our bodies change as we get older.

Lost Property

We understand your frustration when children lose their belongings, and for some this seemed to happen quite regularly last term. Our aim is to reduce the amount of lost property by encouraging the children to respect their own and each other's belongings, and to also take more care of the tidiness of the cloakrooms. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us with this by ensuring that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

P.E

To enable full participation, please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit in school on a Monday and that it remains in school until the end of the week. As we approach summer children will be doing both PE sessions outdoors and so will need their trainers in school all week.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

A School Clubs brochure has been sent home with details of extra-curricular clubs available this term. We strongly encourage children to take part in extra-curricular clubs as they are a great way of developing skills, building confidence and developing relationships with children and teachers across the school.

Home Learning

Reading – Reading is the most powerful part of a child's education and we greatly value all the time you dedicate to sharing books with your child. Please continue to read with your child at least **3 times per week** and record it in their school planner for a reward to be given. Please be reminded that planners will only be checked by an adult on a Monday. (NB-This will be Tuesday for Kingfishers)

Numeracy – Children will continue to receive weekly homework for Numeracy. This will be handed out on Tuesdays and due in the following Monday. Also, please could children practise their tables daily in preparation for the weekly times tables test. If you need a reminder of your child's Times Tables Rock Star login please contact their Maths teacher.

Spellings- Children will continue to receive weekly spellings. These are given out on Mondays for Kingfishers and Tuesdays for Jays, Wrens and Puffins. Spellings are tested a week later. In addition to this we will be holding the year group spelling bee this half term.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 22nd May-Year 3 visit to the castle
- Friday 24th May- PTA Non-Uniform day
- Friday 24th May – Break up for half term
- Back to School 3rd June
- Week beginning June 3rd-Arts Week
- Friday 7th June- Falcon 50th celebration and PTA summer fair
- Thursday 20th June- Year 3 Sports Day
- Wednesday 26th June (9.00am) - Year 3 Learning café
- Thursday 11th July- Transition Day- Children will spend the day with their new teacher

Wishing you and your child an enjoyable and successful last term in Year 3,

The Year 3 team