

Dear Parents

## **YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM**

Welcome back to all our Year 3 children and parents. We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and that the children are ready for what will be a very busy term ahead. There is a lot to look forward to over the coming months and this letter will give you a brief overview of what is in store.

### **English**

Throughout this term the children will be using the Roald Dahl book “George’s Marvellous Medicine” to learn about character description. This will allow the children to develop their independent writing skills and enrich their vocabulary. We will also be continuing to develop the children’s reading comprehension, grammar skills, handwriting and spelling.

### **Maths**

Children will carry out work in the areas of ‘Number’ (with a focus on fractions), ‘Property of Shapes’ and ‘Measures’ (with a focus on time, mass, and capacity). There will also continue to be a focus on reasoning and problem-solving to encourage the children to apply their mathematical knowledge to find solutions.

### **Science**

This term the children will be studying ‘Light and Shadow’. They will be learning about the properties of light and will experiment with mirrors and shadows.

### **Humanities**

In History this term, we will be starting our topic about the Anglo-Saxons. We will be learning why the Romans abandoned Britain, comparing the appearances, weapons and ways of life of the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and finding out how the Anglo-Saxons ruled Britain. They will also be comparing life in Anglo-Saxon times to the way that we live in Britain today.

### **R.E.**

The children will learn about the major world religion of Buddhism and will be participating in an assembly that you will be invited to attend later in the term!

### **Computing**

This half term the children will be creating media which involves using words and pictures and knowing how to edit in desktop publishing software. After half term they will be exploring programming by creating a character that can move around a maze on-screen.

### **Music**

Year 3 will be continuing to play classroom instruments and singing songs with particular focus on composition.

### **Art**

The children will be focussing on a whole school topic about “Plastics in our Oceans’ They will design and use recycled materials to create 3D fish.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

The children will be learning about their rights and responsibilities, along with respect of themselves and others.

### **PE**

In PE (which will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday), the children will be working on developing their cricket skills. They will also be starting a unit on dance. Whenever possible, Wednesday PE lessons will take place outside so it is essential that the children always have their full indoor and outdoor PE kits in school.

### **French**

In French this term, the children will continue to learn how to say a range of colours and animals with the intention of then combining these. They will also learn about different French speaking countries and how to describe where they live.

## **Key Dates**

Please refer to the website via the following link:

<https://www.nicholashawksmooracademy.com/events/>

Date for your diary: There will be a Year 3 Coffee morning in the hall on the morning of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Homework**

**Optional project:** to be brought into school for the week commencing: 3rd June 2023:  
either our History topic of Anglo-Saxons or for Science: light and shadow

**TTRockstars:** Your child will have a login for this and we would like to see them using this daily if possible. This helps with their recall and speed of answering times table related questions.

**Weekly Reading:** (Reading records will be collected in every Friday).

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and record this in their records. We are encouraging the children to read daily-either independently or with an adult. We are encouraging the children to enter their thoughts about what they have read rather than just recording the pages read.

**Read Theory:** The children have been shown how to use this at school and can use this at home to practise their comprehension skills. We will send a separate letter on how to access this.

**Spelling Logs:** Every Friday, the children will bring home a list of spellings to be learnt ready for a test the following Friday in school. The spellings are currently put in a red spelling book.

**Water Bottles and Snack:** Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day and a small, healthy snack for playtime if required. Crisps and chocolate will not be permitted for morning snacks as part of our health schools initiative.

**Our Golden Rules:** Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

With best wishes,

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