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SUMMER TERM 2018 CLASS 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. The summer term is already here and is full of interesting and exciting topics. Below is a taste of what is in store for Class 3.

Literacy: We will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts as a basis for the children's own work, which will include play scripts, story writing, poetry, non-chronological reports, book reviews and a variety of non-fiction writing related to our topic work. The children will continue to have weekly spelling lessons related to their homework and incorporate grammar learning in their writing.

Reading: As a continued focus this term the children will be concentrating on developing their skills of inference and deduction. We will be using shared texts in class where the children have opportunities to read out loud to one another and discuss the story, plot, characters and author's techniques and use of language.

Mathematics: The children will be building on number skills previously acquired. We will be covering the four operations (including using the formal written methods), statistics, time, fractions, properties of shapes, volume and capacity. We will continue to work on problem solving on a regular basis.

Science: This term's focus is 'Light and Dark' and 'Forces'. The children will be investigating sources of light, mirrors and reflection, shiny objects and shadows. When learning about 'Forces' they will investigate different forces, friction and movement, springs and magnets.

Computing: The children will further develop their skills in creating animations, as well as acquiring new skills in PowerPoint and Excel. In addition, the children will continue to use computers and tablets for researching.

History and Geography: The children will be learning about Ancient Egypt. This will include the pyramids at Giza, Tutankhamun, ancient Egyptian lifestyle, farming, belief in the afterlife, hieroglyphics and the River Nile. In addition, the children will be looking at interpreting maps and using the information provided.

Art: During the first half of the term, we will be exploring the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser, an Austrian artist and architect whose work depicted the spirals he found in nature. The children will be having a go at planning and creating their own pieces based on Hundertwasser's work.

Design Technology: Our unit of work this term is 'Moving Monsters'. This unit helps to develop children's understanding of control through investigating simple pneumatic systems and designing and making a model of a monster that has moving parts controlled by pneumatics.

P.E: Class 3 will be developing their skills in striking and fielding games as well as athletics.

RE: Work in this unit will enable children to explore teachings and authority within Christianity and Hinduism. It will introduce the children to the concept of the authority of sacred texts and will enable them to explore the meanings both in their own lives and within the lives of Christians and Hindus.

Music: After half-term we will be looking at notation and beat, as well as using percussion instruments to



explore arrangements.

French: The children's topics this term will be 'animals' and 'food and drink'. We will continue to focus on grammatical concepts of French, as well as learning new vocabulary through learning, songs and games.

If you have any questions or queries then please come and ask. If you have any resources/artefacts which you think may be useful to any of our topics and would like to share them with the class then please let me know.

May I also acknowledge the time and effort spent at home supporting the children's learning through reading, homework and preparing for weekly tests, of which we are very grateful!

Thank you for your support,

Mr A Joseph