

Year 3 Summer 1 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you all enjoyed the Easter break. I hope you didn't have too many Easter eggs! This academic year is flying by and I am excited to tell you all about our lessons during the first half of the summer term. We will be welcoming geography and art back to our weekly timetable with many exciting lessons to come!

Our English lessons will be linked to two wonderful books this term. Our first book is a beautiful picture book called 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We will be creating setting-descriptions, non-chronological reports, 'message in a bottle' letters and finally a mystery narrative to follow on from the story. In the second half of Summer 1, we will be looking at 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg. This book will allow us to create short first-person narratives, use dialogue, create action scenes and an extended fantasy narrative.

As always, the children are encouraged to read to you regularly, a little every day if possible. This is beneficial for your child's development of reading comprehension skills.

In maths, throughout Summer 1, we will focus on fractions, money and time. In fractions, we will be focusing on equivalent fractions and adding & subtracting fractions. Time will be focusing on how to read an analogue clock, months and years and finding the start, duration and end times of an activity. It would be beneficial if you are able to set your child timings (e.g. 'I want you to complete your homework before 5pm') even if it is using a digital clock. We will continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' as well as 'Hit the Button' to support the children's learning of their times tables.

We have a thrilling term ahead of us with our new topic, 'Why are rivers so important?' Throughout this topic, we will be exploring the formation of rivers, where they start (the source) and how they meander through a valley. We will also be looking at how humans and wildlife use the river and why it is extremely important for us, as humans, to look after the river network.

In science, we are going to be studying plants. This includes the study of plant structure - understanding the purpose and features of each part of a plant, what plants need to grow well and understanding how plants reproduce. To fulfil these, we will be performing a range of experiments - some of which will be performed over a couple of weeks to gather accurate data, enabling us to draw a precise conclusion.

Art will focus on the drawing and recreation of the human body. We will be studying the work of Julian Opie & Henry Moore. We will be working with charcoal, clay and pen to produce a wide range of artistic pieces recreating the human body.

