Year 3 Summer Term 1 Curriculum Map

This plan is intended to give you some insight into what your child is learning at school. We know that children do best at school when they are supported at home. You may wish to use this as a prompt for some discussions about your child's learning. In addition to homework set on MyMaths, your child should read every night as we know that reading is the single most important skill for academic success. Reading should be recorded in their reading records. Children also have a log in for TT Rockstars; daily practice of their times tables will help secure their knowledge and speed. Children are expected to know all their times tables, up to 12 x 12, by the end of year 4.

English

In our reading this half term, we will begin with the classic children's story, Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren. We will also read extracts from Stig of the Dump by Clive King and explore the fun and silly poetry within Welcome to my Crazy Life by Joshua Seigal. We will focus on identifying themes and conventions, discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and develop our understanding of how to use evidence from a text to support ideas and opinions.

Our writing focus will begin with a narrative story based on Wisp – a story of hope, a beautiful thought-provoking picture book by Zana Fraillon about a child refugee, Idris. Our second writing unit will be a question-and-answer poem. We will read two famous poems to inspire us: Registration by Alan Ahlburg and Cool School by Michael Rosen. Writing this half term will incorporate a range of techniques and allow opportunities to focus on grammar and punctuation including prefixes and suffixes, conjunctions, determiners and subordinate clauses to add extra information. We will also be continuing to develop our editing skills: this will include proof-reading practice as well as redrafting sentences and rethinking word choices to better achieve the desired effect.

Maths						
WB 15.04.24	WB 22.04.24	WB 29.04.24	WB 07.05.24	WB 13.05.24	WB 20.05.24	
					School Trip	
Unit 11: Fractions	Fractions (2)	Unit 12: Money	Unit 13: Time	Unit 13: Time	Unit 13: Time	
(2)	Add and subtract	In this unit, children	Children will begin	Children will	Children will	
Children will learn	two or more	convert between	by recapping their	develop a deeper	develop a deeper	
to recognise and	fractions with the	pounds and pence	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of	
show (using	same denominator,	for the first time.	time from Year 2.	the length of a year,	the length of a year,	
diagrams)	answering questions	Although children	How many seconds	a month, a day, an	a month, a day, an	
equivalent fractions	in more than one	know from Year 2	are in a minute?	hour, a minute and	hour, a minute and	
with small	way and comparing	that there are 100	How many days are	a second, and will	a second, and will	
denominators. They	the efficiency of	pence in one pound,	there in each	use this to solve	use this to solve	
will explore a	each method. They	they have not	month? How many	problems involving	problems involving	
fraction wall and	will develop their	converted between	days are there in a	reading and	reading and	
use it to find	understanding of	them. Children will	year and in a leap	measuring time.	measuring time.	
equivalent fractions.	solving fraction	move on to	year?			
Children will order	problems and learn	converting amounts				
fractions on a	to find fractions of	such as 720p into				
number line and	measures	pounds and pence				
compare two		and vice versa.				
fractions using bar						
models and the						
comparison signs <						
> or =.						

History	We are going back to the Bronze and Iron Age to deepen our understanding of this fascinating period. We will:				
-	investigate the consequences of trade, travel and exploration in the Bronze Age in Britain, explain how significant				
	people in the Bronze Age were buried and compare and contrast how society changed from the Stone Age to the Iron				
	Age. We will be experiencing a day trip to Celtic Harmony Camp for a hands-on experience.				
Science	Our focus this half term is Light. We will be exploring the questions: What is light? What is dark? How are shadows				
	made? How can we create different shadows? How does the sun create shadows? What happens to shadows				
	throughout the day? What is the difference between a reflective material and a light source?				
Geography	This half term we are revisiting landscapes. We will be furthering our understanding of the physical processes involved				
	in weathering. We will also be identifying and describing the physical features of rivers.				
Music	We will continue our unit based on Viking songs, we will learn to: recognise simple rhythmic notation – by ear and by				
	sight, compose our own battle song using a simple rhythmic notation and to perform like a Viking – with confidence and				
	discipline.				
Computing	This half term we will be focusing on simulations. Children will be able to: find out what a simulation is and understand				
	the purpose of simulations, explore a simulation, making choices and discussing their effects, work through and				
	evaluate a more complex simulation.				
French	Our focus this half term will be exploring instruments. Children will learn to: recognise, recall and spell up to ten				
	instruments in French with the correct definite article/determiner. Understand that the definite article/determiner 'the'				
	has a plural form in French. Learn to say 'je joue' - I play.				
PSHE	Our focus this half term will be relationships. We will be exploring:				
	Family roles and responsibilities				
	Friendship and negotiation				
	Keeping safe online and who to go to for help				
	Being a global citizen				
	Being aware of how my choices affect others				
	Awareness of how other children have different lives				
	Expressing appreciation for family and friends				

Art	We will be revisiting the Impressionist artist Camille Pissarro and further exploring his landscape work. This half term we will be using watercolour paint as a medium.
Religious Education	Our focus this half term will be: what does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?
PE	This half term we are looking at the sport rounders and improving our fitness with some fitness-based activities. In rounders, we will: play in competitive games developing simple tactics, master basic movements including running, throwing, catching, and striking and work collaboratively to use basic tactics for batting and fielding.
DT	Frame Structures. After looking back at our first product design from the Autumn term, we will create a product outline for a new frame structure. We will proceed to make a prototype for our design, which we will then break so we can improve it. Finally, we will modify our prototype to ensure it is working before making a final evaluation.