



# Welcome to Summer 1

## Term 3a - Summer

by Mrs Bradwell

I am very pleased that everyone has returned, re-energised and ready to learn after having such an interrupted spring term, which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

### Homework

Homework will now be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Each child will be given a file to keep their homework in and it is expected to be handed in completed on a Tuesday ready to be marked and sent home again.

Weekly spellings are part of homework, the spelling lists for this term can be found on the yearly overview previously sent out. A look, copy, write sheet will be sent home to practise spellings and I would also like each spelling to be put into a sentence to consolidate understanding. Bonus points will be awarded on the spelling test for extra words found that follow the same weekly spelling rule. The children will continue to be tested every Monday, before they are taught the new spelling rule for that week.

Reading books will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and it would be very helpful to send books back on time (Tuesday morning). The impact of regular reading at home on children's progress cannot be underestimated.

I would like to remind and encourage children to take an active role in their reading and make additional comments (to yours) in their diaries to reflect on the reading and progress they are making at home and I would really enjoy having an insight into what books they

enjoy reading at home too.

### Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths this term and there will be a big focus on place value, multiplication and division, as well as fractions. We will continue to focus on times tables and I encourage you to support your child when chanting tables and playing on TT Rockstars. We will also be spending time each week consolidating number bonds. There will be a weekly number bond and times tables test. Knowing number bonds is such an important mathematical skill which supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts in maths.

### English

We are continuing to read *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman and using this as a stimulus to develop writing.

Once we have finished reading our novel we will then begin *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit which is a story about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Each week your child will have the opportunity to read with myself and other members of staff in a small group and 1:1 they will read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non-fiction. We will be focusing on punctuation and grammar and recapping prior learning.

### Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Animals and habitats'.

### PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Tuesday and a Friday. We are lucky enough to have a football coach deliver lessons on a Friday morning. Please make sure your child

comes to school wearing their 'outdoor' PE kit so that they are warm throughout the day. Please also make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed.

### DT

The children will finish their paper mâché volcanoes and then our new topic will be food technology. The children will be exploring different food groups and making their own pizza and packaging.

### History

We will continue to explore the Romans, thinking about why the Romans marched through County Durham. Mr Henderson will be coming in to share Roman artefacts and information.

### Spanish

Miss Forth will be continuing to teach Spanish.

### Geography

The children will continue to look at volcanoes explore the location of Pompeii. We will also be researching the Galapagos Islands. The children will write a persuasive travel brochure about the islands.

We will be working very hard this term trying to secure learning and recap previous learning.

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell

