



# 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 the Easter break, 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

I am really impressed with the standard of homework handed in each week and the effort the children put in to learning their weekly spellings.

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday, which will include spellings, reading and a maths activity linked to learning in school that week. Every Monday, the children will be tested on their weekly spellings, which can be found at the front of their homework book.

Reading books will continue to be sent home weekly and it would be very helpful to send books back on time so that your child can be issued a new book. **I really cannot stress the impact of regular reading at home as it supports your child's progression of reading and comprehension skills.**

**I strongly encourage frequent use of Times Tables Rockstars at home as it is expected that by the end of Year 4, children can recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ .** If you cannot access this, I recommend chanting times tables as a way of supporting what has been taught in school.

### Maths

Measurement will be prioritised this term in maths and the children will focus on time, money, mass and capacity. We will use problem solving in these areas and lots of practical activities. We will play daily times tables games and Year Four will have 1:1 time

to support them, ready for the Multiplication Times Table Check at the beginning of next term, which is a statutory assessment.

### English

We will begin to read our new class novel *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold and use this as a stimulus to develop writing.

I am looking forward to introducing the class novel to the children and sharing the main character's adventures as she travels to Bear Island. The key areas of focus will be character and setting descriptions and non-chronological reports. We will be revising basic punctuation and ensuring we have mastered full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes and inverted commas. We will also have a weekly grammar lesson and a guided reading session.

### Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Rocks' this term.

### PE

Our PE days will continue to be a Monday and a Friday. We will be going swimming on a Monday and I will be joining the children in the water. I am looking forward to watching their confidence develop. 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.

### Art

The children will be focusing on cities and produce skylines using a variety of mediums.

### RE

Miss Jewett will be teaching the children about how Hindus worship at home and at the Mandir.

### Spanish

Miss Forth will be continuing to teach Spanish and the children will be learning about transport.

### Geography

The children will be exploring rivers around the world and will learn about the water cycle and north east coastlines.

### History

We will be looking back at the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and some of the significant changes to history during her time as queen. I am looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with Class 3!

**We will be working very hard this term and I look forward to all of the fun activities and new topics we have planned.**

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

Mrs Bradwell

