



## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers

This summer term we have two new geography topics to look forward to in year 3. The children will start the term learning about 'Our European Neighbours', and later in the term the theme switches to 'Investigating our local area'.



In our Literacy lessons we are looking to improve our writing by using a range of sentence openers, using more adventurous vocabulary and using a range of punctuation. We will learn how to write 'Adventure Stories, Plays and Dialogues and Shape Poems'.

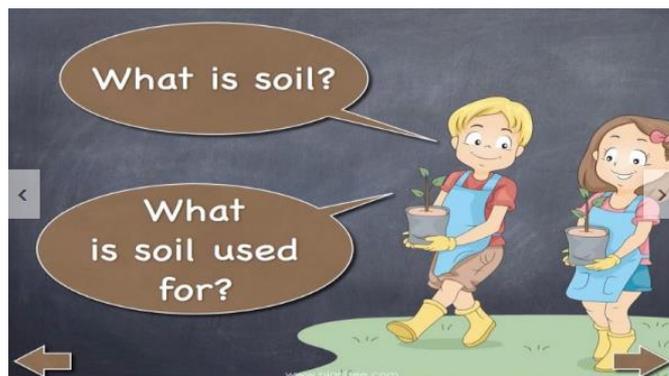
The children will be reading fiction books during guided reading sessions. We will be having lots of discussions about where the story is set, the culture it has been written for and what age/time the story is set in. Also the children will have the chance to join in with some character description. I encourage you to read fiction books with your children at home and discuss the points above with them.

In Numeracy we will be securing our knowledge of shape, measurements and fractions. Remember, our subscription to My Maths has now expired, so I will be setting homework using Success Maker. The homework will be clearly identified when the children login each week with a date against the homework assignment. The website address and login details were sent out in the Spring Term, please come and see me if you require them again.

In Geography the children will be taking a trip across the English Channel to discover the continent of Europe. Not only will the children discover some fascinating facts about Europe, but they will also find out the names, locations and features of European countries and capitals.

They will then be taking a closer look at their local area and exploring different features of the community. They start by using maps to spot familiar places and give directions to and from local points of interest. Putting their geographical skills to the test, your child will have the chance to examine services in the local area and create a survey of jobs and travel. Finally, we will consolidate our knowledge by evaluating the local area and providing information for visitors and tourists.

Our Science theme is 'Rocks, Fossils and Soils'. We will dig deep and unearth a fascinating view of the rocks, soils and fossils above and below the ground. We will find out about different kinds of rocks and what they can be used for, explore a variety of soils and find out how they are formed, discover the fascinating world of fossils, as well as undertaking a variety of experiments to get our Science skills rock solid!



ICT, Music and PSHE will be taught weekly covering the required year 3 skills.

During PE the children will participate in tennis lesson provided by a local tennis coach and continue with the Premier League Stars sports programme provided by Leicester City FC.

Children's PE kits should be in school all week not just on the day's they are timetabled to do it. Please supply the standard school PE kit, along with outdoor shoes and a warm tracksuit for if it's chilly outside. Please also **label ALL of your child's PE kit** then any items left or found can be given back to the child. There were a lot of children at the end of last term that had PE kit missing.



Homework will be a mixture of literacy/grammar tasks, a topic based activity and Success Maker. There will be a separate letter with specific details about homework coming home with the children.

Reading books and reading diaries should be taken home and completed **every day** - it is the children's responsibility to take their reading book and diaries home, although we do remind them, we cannot hand them out to the children at the end of the day! Reading diaries will be checked by Mrs Boon with Dragon Wings awarded for reading at home.

If you wish to discuss anything with me concerning your child, please don't hesitate to come and see me after school or arrange a convenient appointment.

Thanks  
Mr Wright