

Year 3

Summer Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter Break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead. Below is an overview of the forthcoming half term. We hope that you find it useful.

Best wishes,

Miss Shorten (Beech) and Mrs Aktar (Ash)



Topics:

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Time and Place, Earth and Space	Living Together
Key question	Why does the Earth have different climates?	How has the local area changed?

Trips: After the May half term, we will be taking a trip to Coalhouse Fort. The site is full of rich, local history that will give us some useful information to use in our Summer 2 Topic.

Literacy: Our Literacy work will be inspired by our topics; looking at a balance of Fiction and Non-Fiction writing. We will begin by looking at a range of poems. We then move on to stories with familiar settings and finish the half term with writing an information text. After half term, we will be writing recounts where we will write about our holidays. We will look at the features of mythical stories and finish the year off with writing biographies. Throughout the term, we will continue to focus on our spelling, editing and improving our work and writing with increased stamina in preparation for year 4!

Maths: In maths we will continue to follow the White Rose scheme. We will begin the term by building on our knowledge of the times tables to solve multiplication and division problems. Don't forget to practise your times tables daily so you can become a times tables rock star! We will move on to multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers. Later in the half term, we will learn about solving problems including fractions and move on to identifying angles.

Science: Our science work this term will cover the topic of plants. We will explore the features of a plant, their requirements to grow, the functions of different types of plants and the life cycle of plants.

PE: Star Sports will be working with Year 3 for PE this year and will be teaching a range of skills. Sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon so please ensure PE kits are in school on these days.

Art/DT: Our Art and DT this term will be linked to our science unit and topics. We will design and create a sun dial in the first half term, then after the break we will make an obelisk to support plants growth. We will end the term by learning about different local artists.

RE: This term, we will focus on two religions: Sikhism and Judaism. We will explore and discuss their different beliefs and how they compare to religions we have already learned about.

Computing: In our computing lessons, we will begin by learning how to compose an email. We will then move on to creating a PowerPoint presentation and learn how to use the program effectively. After half term, we will collect and present data online.

Music: Our music lessons this term will continue to develop our performance skills and learning. We will learn how to use our bodies to make percussion and we will combine our singing and French skills at the end of the term.

PSHE: We will begin the term by talking about our own bodies including how to stay clean and how we can spread diseases. After the half term, we will discuss changes in our life, how these make us feel and how people deal with these changes.

French: We will continue to expand our French vocabulary this term. We will revise our learning from the year so far and put this new vocabulary into sentences and song.

Home expectations: With regard to reading, children need to be changing their own books at school and reading at least three times a week at home. This should be recorded in their reading record. The reading books may have reading comprehension activities to match, please encourage your children to complete these activities and bring them into school, even if they are not necessarily homework. Reading frequently is paramount to improving not only the children's understanding of what they have read, but also the vocabulary and punctuation choices they use in their writing. Two pieces of homework will also be given out on a Friday: one Maths activity and one English activity, to be returned by Tuesday. Spelling lists will be given out on Mondays, and tested on Fridays.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Last term, we had some fantastic creative projects and we encourage the classes to be better this term!!! There are some ideas to choose from listed below. If you have any other ideas it would be great to see them! Don't forget to bring the work into school to display in class.



Time and Place, Earth and Space	Living Together	Let's Plant It!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a 3D model of the solar system or the Earth - Create a Tour Guide Leaflet for a country that is in a different climate to England - Create a diorama of a holiday destination from a different climate - Become a meteorologist: Make a daily/weekly/monthly record of the weather in South Ockendon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a family tree - Draw or paint a family portrait - On a map, label where your family are from - Draw or paint an aerial view of your house, or your street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a leaf collage or leaf rubbing artwork - Grow Grass Heads: http://www.redtedart.com/kids-crafts-grass-heads/ - Create a collage or drawing of a flower/plant that is growing in your garden - Create a diorama of your ideal garden. What plants would you include?