

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017

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Our topic for this term is **FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST**. Through history, geography and science, we are studying the life and times of the dinosaurs. We will learn about the work of paleontologists, the many diverse dinosaur species, including the habitat they live in and how they are adapted to their environment and explore theories for why dinosaurs became extinct.

Through art we will create 2D and 3D models of dinosaurs.

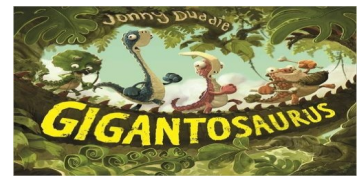
The highlight will most certainly be a visit to the **Natural History Museum** on 23rd May 2017.



ENGLISH

Our core text is **Gigantosaurus** by Jonny Duddle and a further one that we will reveal later in the term!

The genres we are covering are stories, newspaper articles, letters and poetry.



MATHS

We are continuing to study a wide range of topics in school, however we are also keen to help your child develop and practise their maths skills at home. Please encourage your child to learn and quickly recall all their times tables off by heart. Also, practise their written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Some home learning activities will be on My Maths. Usernames and passwords can be found in the front of your child's Maths Home Learning book. If you need a reminder of your child's username and password, please see you class teacher.



The following web sites are particularly good for practising maths at home:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

FRENCH

The children are learning numbers and how to talk about their friends in their French lessons. It is gratifying to see how much progress they have made in a short time. Ask them about what they are learning and encourage them to share this with you at home.



Every Day Counts - Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance last term:

3W Balamuhunthan Akshajen, Jack Chapman, Ellis Cundy, Muhammad Ejaz, Maheen Hossain, Arav Jongali, Tasniah Kazi, Rohan Patel, Praveena Sakthivel, Ashvini Uthayakumar

3T Amaara Adams, Kunal Ahgun, Aasiyah Ali, Nardi Alia, Mohammad Sahriar Kabir, Thusinthan Kishokumar, Patrick Malonda, Moiz Pervez, Tasriha Rob, Pariyansha Singh, Huzaifa Sohail

3P Keya Bhadresha, Mohan Bhuiyan, Aleksandra Ivanova, Omio Md Easir, Nijhum Nasir, King David Nimoh, Ilamparithi Painthamilpandian



These children were presented with recognition certificates and stickers in assembly.

Recorders

Year 3 children continue to have weekly recorder lessons. Their class teacher will tell them which day to bring their recorder each week.



PE

For the first half term the children have dance lessons from Pioneer Dance Studios. In outdoor lessons we will practice team games. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons. ALL items need to be labelled with your child's full name.

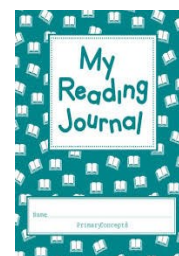


READING

We require your child to read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes. As well as the school reading book they have two books, chosen from the mobile library, which visits the school regularly. Children should keep these in their bags to ensure they have them when the library visits. They also visit the school library weekly.

Reading Journals

For children to make good progress in their reading, they should read for a short period of time everyday. To help the children keep track of what they read and develop their independence, they have a reading journal.



What should you do:

Please can you sign or initial in your child's reading journal to agree that your child has completed their reading that day. This will ensure that they receive their reading journal sticker on their chart.

What the teacher will do:

Children will be asked to regularly share their reading journal with their teacher and discuss what they have read. This would also be an opportunity for the pupils to share their chosen, completed reading activities.

RE

In RE we will be focusing on Christianity and exploring the answers to questions such as:

- What does inspiring mean?
- Who inspires us?
- Jesus teachings – how do they inspire Christians today?
- How do Christians show gratitude to Jesus?



28 Apr	PTA Sponsored Fundraising Event
1 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
23 May	Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum
25 May	Parent Coffee Morning - 9.15am Community Room
30 May—3 June	Half Term
5 June	INSET DAY - school closed to all pupils
6 June	Pupils return to school
8 June	School closed to all pupils - General Election Polling Station
15 June	Class Photographs
22 June	AM Sports Day, KS2 & Nursery AM PM Sports Day, KS1, Reception & Nursery PM
10 July	Reports to Parents
12 July	Parents Evening - no appointment necessary
20 July	International Friendship Picnic on school field - after school
21 July	Last day of summer term
4 & 5 Sept	INSET DAYS - school closed to all pupils
6 Sept	Pupils return to school