Summer 1 2021

**Year 3 Learning Letter**

We hope you are well and enjoyed a well-deserved Spring break.

We are so excited to begin our Summer Term and have lots of exciting ideas planned to help you learn in a fun and inspiring way.

Thank you for keeping each other safe, washing your hands regularly, looking after each other and wearing masks when on the yard. M***r Haughey, Mrs Bynon, Mrs Alam and Miss Barnicle.***

Important Information

* PE kits must be brought to school and will **stay in school** until half term. 3.1 and 3.3 will have PE on a Monday. 3.2 will have PE on a Tuesday.
* Reading books – New books will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. Please ensure you child returns their book in order for it to be changed on the correct day.
* A reminder to ask relevant questions about the texts your child brings home. This will help to deepen their understanding of the texts they are reading.

**Respectful Resourceful Responsible Resilient**

Maths

This half term, we will focus on the following skills:

* Addition and Subtraction.
* Fractions.
* Time.
* Statistics.

We will be learning maths skills through practical activities as well as learning more formal, written methods in preparation for Year 4.

English

This half term we will be looking at a selection of books linked to the theme of Adventure. This will be mainly through the wonderful Picture Book written by Aaron Becker. Children will also explore a range of other adventure texts, to prepare them to reach the intended outcome for the unit, which is to add text to the Picture Book ‘Journey’. Children will study author writing styles and participate in some role play activities.

They will apply their understanding through a variety of Gateway and Mastery key skills. These include, using present and perfect tense, improving their knowledge of prepositions, conjunctions and adverbs as well as grouping related ideas into paragraphs.

Wider Curriculum in Year 3

* History – Our topic is **What the Romans did for us**. During this unit we will look at:

Why the Romans came to Britain.

What living conditions were like.

How they changed life in Britain.

We will also discuss the reliability of sources.

* Geography – During this topic we will study a local beach. The purpose of this study is for children to gain an awareness of the human and physical features in a contrasting environment to their own.
* Art and Design – We will investigate how Romans decorated their homes and what was important to them. We will look specifically at Mosaic designs and Frescoed walls in the house of Livia.
* Physical Education – Our unit is **Net and Wall** skills. We will explore different throwing actions, become more familiar with using rackets and bats and devise their own game using skills taught within the unit.

Year 3 Home Challenges – how many can you complete this half term?

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| **Essential work**  Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home | Create a self-portrait. Then use this to make a mosaic. | Plant a sunflower and observe its growth over time.  Create a journal of what you see. | Using materials from around your home, create a Roman shield. | |
| **Essential work**  Practise your times tables we send home or TT Rockstars. | Look out for minibeasts in your garden. Can you classify these and record what, where and when you see them? | Encourage birds to come to your garden/yard. Count how many you see.  Record on a tally chart. | Measure the perimeter of your bedroom and furniture in your home. | |
| **Essential work**  Practise your spellings of the week, and any you need practice with. They are given on Mondays and tested on Fridays. | Using a map or Google Earth, look at the surrounding areas within Liverpool.  What similarities and differences can you spot? | Follow the link and get active at home.  Just Dance  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTw_W_JY> | Imagine you have your very own crayon, like the character from Journey!  Create a fantasy setting. |