



April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 3 - Summer Term

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term.

Just a quick reminder to encourage your child to bring in the equipment they need in school, **especially glue sticks**. Please make sure all clothes and hats are named, as it makes them so much easier to get them back to the correct owner. This applies to lunch boxes and water bottles. While it remains cool in the morning, do make sure your child has a warm layer they can easily put on and remove as needed for the classroom and outside play.

### Curriculum

In Maths we will be building on our fraction skills as well as developing our knowledge in money, time, shape and statistics. Throughout this term we shall continue practising our multiplication and division skills including quick recall on the 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 8- and 10-times tables. Please encourage your child to make use of Times Tables Rock Stars as much as possible.

This term, we will focus on the very exciting and interesting topic of Ancient Egypt in both History and English. We will explore what life was like for Egyptians and the important role of the River Nile. Whilst learning about pharaohs, pyramids, Ancient Egyptian Gods, Tutankhamun, and Cleopatra we will be developing our historical skills and curious minds. During the second half of the Summer Term we will develop our newspaper writing skills, investigate the mummification process and showcase this through explanation texts.

At the start of the Summer Term in English we will be further developing our story, diary and poetry writing skills via different texts.

For Geography, we will be learning more about the United Kingdom and the different counties. Our RE topics are looking into the authority of Jesus and questioning if made-up stories can tell the truth. Computing lessons will introduce the children to presentation skills and the application Scratch, which establishes the foundations of programming and coding. In French, we will be learning about the classroom and animals continually enhancing our vocabulary and confidence in speaking French. PSHE will focus on rules, rights and responsibilities as well as growing and changing.

On Wednesdays, Mrs Scarborough will continue to teach Computing and RE.

In Art, we will incorporate the topic of Ancient Egypt and study hieroglyphics and cartouches. We will develop our printing skills and create our own printing artwork inspired by Ancient Egypt. In DT, we will be focusing on mechanisms eventually making moving monsters!

For Music, the children will be learning how to play the djembe drum in the first half term and learning about music across different eras, focusing on composers and influential musicians in the second half term.

PE this term will be Athletics, cognitive skills including balance and coordination, badminton, and health and fitness.

## Home Learning

Please aim to hear your child read **at least** four times per week. The emphasis should be on reading for meaning and discussing the book as well as practising decoding. Please always remember to log your child's reading every time on the BoomReader app so that we know your child is reading or the book has been completed and can be changed.

Home learning is a very important part of our children's learning journey as it enhances their learning whilst in school and instils study skills in preparation for the next stage of their schooling. It is also a great way for families and carers to be involved in their child's education, giving a chance to talk about their learning.

Please encourage your child to complete their home learning and ensure this is uploaded on time. For children who do not complete home learning on a regular basis, we will invite parents/carers in to discuss reasons why and to identify if support is required to complete the home learning. If there is a reason why a child cannot complete a particular piece of home learning, perhaps due to illness or something unexpected arising at home, then please let me know.

The Summer term will be full of great opportunities to enjoy the wonderful environment St Paul's has to offer, where children will enjoy their learning both inside and outside their classroom environment.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will endeavour to put your minds at ease.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Burgess  
Year 3 Class Teacher