

RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
SUMMER TERM 2017
YEARS 3 & 4

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This newsletter outlines what your children will be learning about during the summer term.

Creative Curriculum

Our Topic this term is Egyptians. We will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt, this topic has a history focus. Pupils will learn to use timelines and maps to find out about ancient Egypt. By using a variety of historical sources, they will learn about the Egyptian Pharaohs and their pyramids. They will also learn about religious beliefs, practises and customs in Ancient Egypt. They will learn about everyday life in Ancient Egypt including jobs, farming, the role of women and writing (hieroglyphics). Pupils will be using maps to find out about Egypt and the River Nile.

Art and Design skills will be taught through our Egyptians topic. Activities will include: drawing pictures reflecting the Egyptian farming calendar, producing pictures and cartoons to explain life in Ancient Egypt and making an Egyptian board game.

English

Reading will continue to be taught on an ongoing basis through whole class, individual reading and Guided Reading sessions. We would be grateful if you could please hear your child read at home daily, and ensure that they bring their book bag to school every day. Classes 3E and 3/4A will continue to visit the library every Friday, so please ensure that they bring their books to school.

Pupils will read and write stories set in an imaginary world. They will learn to use adverbials in their writing and use a wide range of connectives to write complex sentences. When learning about play scripts, pupils will read plays by Roald Dahl, and use this to help them write their own dialogue, using correct punctuation. Pupils will read traditional poetry, including *Going to the Fair* by Charles Causley, and use this to help them write their own poetry.

Maths Year 3

In maths lessons the children will continue using a more practical approach to their maths work, using the equipment to build fluency and understanding.

They will develop their mental addition and subtraction skills, including: a three-digit number and ones; a three-digit number and tens; a three digit number and hundreds. Pupils will add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction. In multiplication, pupils will learn multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, having already learnt the same for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs.

Maths Year 4

In maths lessons the children will continue using a more practical approach to their maths work, using the equipment to build fluency and understanding.

Problem solving will form an integral element of all work this term. When solving problems, they will make estimates beforehand and use inverse methods to check their answers. In multiplication, pupils will be working towards knowing all multiplication and division facts for the multiplication tables, up to and including 12×12 . We would be grateful if you could support your child in learning their tables at home.

In measure, pupils will learn to convert between different units of length, weight and time, for example, from kilometres to metres, hours to minutes or 12 hour to 24 hour times. They will measure and calculate the perimeter and area of different shapes in centimetres and metres. Pupils will identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size. They will identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes presented in different orientations.

Music Y3

In music, children will be learning to play the recorder and develop their knowledge of different forms of musical notation. They will also learn about musical scales. Later, they will learn how different instruments and musical elements can be used to give a piece of music a particular mood. They will continue to develop their singing voices by learning and singing songs.

Music Y4

In music, year 4 children will continue to learn the fife. They will use different forms of music notation to read note pitch and duration and will continue to develop tone control and accuracy, both when playing individually and with each other. Children will also continue to develop their singing voices by learning a variety of songs.

Science

In Science pupils will continue to develop their scientific understanding by asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations and recording their findings using charts, tables and writing. Pupils will compare and group materials together, by deciding whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will find out that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure the temperature at which these changes happen in degrees Celsius. They will learn about the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and investigate how temperature effects rates of evaporation.

Computing

Pupils will use computer packages and the internet to support their learning across the curriculum. As well as doing this, they will be completing a topic called 'We are Meteorologists,' and through this topic they will gather information by observing the weather. They will store their data in a spreadsheet (Excel) and use this to make their own weather forecast.

P.E.

Classes 3E and 3/4A will continue with their swimming lessons at Dudley Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. They will also be developing their skills in tennis and athletics with Mr Gleave on Tuesday mornings.

Class 4C will be taking part in games and athletic activities for the summer term.

P.E./Games for 3E - Tuesdays

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P.E./Games for 4C - Tuesdays and Fridays

Swimming for 3E and 3/4 A - Fridays - please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school on the relevant day.

R.E.

Pupils will learn about different types of prayer, and write some of their own prayers. They will read stories from the Bible about prayer and learn about religious items associated with prayer. They will also learn about religious icons, and pilgrimage in Christianity and Islam.

French

Pupils will continue to develop their knowledge of spoken French. There will be an emphasis on them learning new words and speaking with greater confidence, and correct pronunciation. They will also continue to write simple words and captions in French.

Years 3 and 4 Staff

Teachers: 3E - Mr Gleave 3/4A - Miss Arnold 4C - Mrs Crowhurst

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cartwright Mrs Perry Mrs Woodbury

Dates:

Parents Evening - 12th July 2017, 3.30pm-5.00pm

Homework

As well as weekly spellings, reading and learning their tables, the children will choose from a selection of 'home learning tasks' based on their topic - the children will then have the opportunity to share their completed work with classmates in a series of 'celebration sessions'.