

## Year 3 Summer Term

### English

In our writing sessions we will be using a variety of high-quality texts to help us produce our own pieces of writing, thinking carefully about the intended audience for our writing and the impact that we would like to have on them. We will begin by practising our grammar and punctuation skills with a unit based around the animation 'The Dreamgiver', before working towards pieces of independent writing, both fiction and non-fiction.

Our reading lessons will continue to give our children the chance to read and enjoy a diverse range of high-quality texts, developing their reading skills and using these to answer 'big questions' around the text, beginning with the work of Philip Pullman through the fantastic novel 'The Firework maker's Daughter'.

### PSHE

This term we will be focusing on the following themes:

- Keeping/staying healthy—medicines.
- Relationships—body language and touch.
- Keeping/staying safe—leaning out of windows/tying shoelaces.

### Geography

#### What makes our county unique?

We will be exploring the countries, regions and counties of England before moving closer to home to learn more about the West Midlands and our surrounding area. We will investigate the human and physical features around us, and conduct fieldwork in our local area to discover how land is used.

**Music** - our children will be learning about the themes and conventions of disco music, with the theme of 'Bringing us together.'

**Art** - we will be completing a sculpture unit linked to our history work on Ancient Egypt, creating clay tiles inspired by Egyptian tomb decorations.

**D&T** - in the first half term, we will learn about eating seasonally and will design and cook our own summer soup. We will then use our sewing skills to create our own bookmarks.

### Dates for the diary:

- 'Singing in the Halls' - Tuesday 20th May.
- Trip to Twycross Zoo—Tuesday 8th July (more details to follow.)
- Year 3 assembly—Friday 6th June.

### Mathematics

We will begin by building on our previous work on fractions in order to develop our understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. We will then move on to learning about money, shape, statistics and telling the time with digital and analogue clocks.

Alongside this, we will strengthen our understanding of arithmetic strategies through our daily sessions, and continue to practise our times tables through TT Rockstars.

### Science – Animals including humans

We will be learning all about the human body, including the skeletal and muscular system. We will also investigate nutrition and the importance of a healthy diet.

### Science—Light

We will be learning about light, focussing on how it travels and how it creates reflections and shadows. We will also explore transparent, translucent and opaque materials.

### Meet the Year 3 Team

3J Class Teacher: Miss James

3H Class Teacher: Mr Hawkins

3H student teacher: Miss O'Mahoney

Teaching Assistants: Mr Godwin, Miss Head, Miss Meese and Mrs Vickers (previously Miss Mears!)

### Useful websites

TT Rockstars: [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

EdShed: [www.edshed.com](http://www.edshed.com)

Dreambox login for Reading Plus and Dreambox maths:

<https://student.readingplus.com>

School website: [www.oakmeadowschool.uk](http://www.oakmeadowschool.uk)

### P.E

In the first half term, we will be developing our skills in handball and athletics. Following this, we will enjoy learning more about the sports of rounders and tennis

P.E lessons will take place on a Wednesday with Mr Benton and Friday with Miss James. On PE days, children should wear their PE kits to school.

### History

#### Were the pyramids the Egyptians greatest achievement?

We will be travelling back thousands of years to Ancient Egypt, to explore everyday life. We will learn about Egyptian society, culture and inventions, before learning more about how and why the pyramids were built. We will then go on to consider whether the pyramids were the greatest invention of the Ancient Egyptians.

### Home Learning

Paper copies of spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested in school the following Friday. Times tables will also be assessed regularly—please ensure your child practises these on Times Tables Rockstars.

We have loved seeing the work that you have been completing with the children in their maths scrapbooks! We will continue to send these out on a fortnightly basis. We are also lucky to be taking part in a trial of Dreambox Maths, an online maths program from the makers of Reading Plus; children will be able to access this at home in the same way as Reading Plus.

We will be encouraging our children to read as regularly as possible with an adult at home, with an initial target of three times a week, recording this in their reading diaries.

### French

In the first half term, we will learn how to discuss food, before going on to learn key phrases that we might use in school.

### R.E

We will learn about the key leaders for Sikhs and Hindus, before investigating what we celebrate, and why.