



Monday 13th April 2026

### **Summer 1: Year 3 Curriculum Letter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for our final term- We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the sunshine over the Easter break.

#### **Key dates for summer 1:**

Friday 1st May- Class Photographs

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

Wednesday 6th May- Year 3 Visit to Croydon Mosque (*more information to follow on a separate letter*)

#### **Spellings:**

New spelling lists for this half term have been updated and sent home before the break. They contain an overview of the spelling words for the next six weeks. To save resources, we will not be printing weekly spellings, however, please let us know if you need an additional copy of the spellings overview printed.

#### **Pencil cases:**

Please ensure to check with children regularly if they need any stationery replacement. Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - *glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson*. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

#### **PE:**

*Monday* - Indoor PE with class teacher

*Thursday*- Outdoor PE with class teacher

**Homework** – Each week, children are expected to practise their times tables and spellings. These will be based on the work we do in school. Times-tables will be tested on

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Mondays and spellings on Fridays. We will continue to send home the weekly maths sheet.

**Reading and reading records-** It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). It is important that children bring in their records and take them home every day. *When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be checked once a week by an adult.*

## Curriculum

**Maths** – Children will continue to have a weekly times tables test- this will take place on a Monday. We will be finishing off our topic of mass and capacity and will be moving onto fractions and money. All maths lessons will begin with a starter, encouraging children to think back to previous topics and refresh their memory.

**Writing-** We will be writing ‘warning tales’, focusing on setting the scene. This will include using a thesaurus to uplevel vocabulary, and using a range of literary devices such as similes, personification and the use of describing the senses. We will then be revising a variety of grammar techniques to strengthen our overall writing skills.

**Reading-** We will develop the children’s vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summary skills through daily reading sessions- continuing to focus on our class text of ‘How to Train a Dragon’. Children should continue to take quizzes on accelerated reader once they have completed a book.

**Spelling-** The children will have regular spelling lessons to learn spelling rules, build on their phonics skills and practise applying these. Spelling Tests will take place on a Friday. Children will be split into 3 spelling groups and have specific spellings to focus on based on their group’s rule for the week.

**Geography**– Our topic this term is Extreme Earth. We will be exploring a range of geographical phenomena including tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanos, tornados and more. We will be looking at how tectonic plate location affects the likelihood of these and how they form.

**Science** – Our topic this term is ‘Plants’ - We will be looking at the parts of a plant and their functions, dissecting a flower, and conducting a plant growth experiment.

**RE-** We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). Our focus question for the term will be ‘How do people communicate with God?’. We will be looking at this question through a number of different religions. We will be visiting Croydon Mosque as part of our RE learning.

**Computing-** In Computing, we will be looking at the vocabulary used when formatting and publishing documents on computers.

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**PE** – The children will have PE on Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns; you can make appointments with your class teacher via email/telephone the office (details in the letterhead).

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Smith & Mrs Gaston

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