



# Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Summer term is almost here. We are very excited because we will have two super new topics... **Predators and Urban Pioneers**. During the past two terms all the children have developed a range of skills and have become much more independent in their approach to their learning. Now, through computer-based and book research, and class discussion the children will explore the world of animal and plant predators, from sharks in the oceans, to piranha fish in rivers, the big cats in Africa to insect-eating plants! The Urban Pioneer topic will investigate maps, our local area and how improvements can be made to the urban environment.

## Literacy

During Literacy lessons this term we will be developing our knowledge and expertise at writing letters, stories and poetry. We will also be creating explanations, autobiographies and fact files.

Finally, we will be assessing how well the children have been using their new skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation activities.



## Numeracy

In the coming months we will look at data handling, including bar charts, pictograms and tally charts whilst continuing the development of skills in column addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. Furthermore, the children will be improving their speed at recalling number facts related to the times tables.

We will also be continuing to develop problem solving skills. The children will have more opportunities to solve word problems that link to all four operations as well as measure, time and fractions.

## Attendance Reminder

The Government sets a minimum target of 96% attendance for every child. All absences have to be explained.

Unauthorised absence must be reported to Hounslow. Fines of up to £100 are imposed for taking holidays in school time.



## Science

Our Predator topic gives us the opportunity of studying food chains, skeletons, plants and animals. We will be looking at similarities and differences in the animal and plant kingdoms and in other countries.

The second focus will be on Light and Dark, Shadows, Sun Safety, Colour and How to Work Scientifically.



## P.S.H.C.E.

This term we will continue to focus on our whole school BLP objectives developing our children's resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. We will be embedding this into all our lessons.

## Art/Design Technology

For **Predators** we will be creating a piece of collage and charcoal drawings based on different predators. For our Urban Pioneer project, we will focus upon photography, graffiti art and observational drawing.

## Music and Dance

All Year 3 children will continue to learn the recorder. Practicing these skills is very important. Please could you encourage your child to practice at home.



Reading at Home is so important and enjoyable! Please find some time every day to hear your children read aloud and then sign their home learning journals. Don't forget to ask your child questions about the book they are reading.

