



Year 3 Information- Spring Term 2019

<p>In English some of our areas of study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character thoughts and feelings • Persuasive letter, debate • Myths and Fables • Character descriptions • Event descriptions <p>Our writing targets are focusing on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using punctuation correctly • using conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so, because) and some children to use adverbial statements. 	<p>In Maths some of our areas of study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number operations- formal methods of column addition and subtraction, grid method for multiplication, 'bus stop' method for division. • Properties of 3D shapes, angles, symmetry. • Fractions • Mental strategies <p>Our Maths targets are focusing on adding to and subtracting mentally using 2 and 3 digit numbers.</p>
<p>Our Topics this term are "Is trade fair?" and "Why should the Rainforest be important to us all?" which will include studying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Trade and what trade means • Locating countries on an atlas • Animals and Plants of the Amazon rainforest • Ecosystems 	<p>In Science we will be studying the units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Cycle of a Plant (pollination, seed dispersal) • Labelling plants • Ecosystems
<p>Homework: Spellings are set on a Monday and are tested on the following Friday. <i>It is important that children learn these thoroughly to meet Year 3 standards.</i> Reading aloud - at least 3 times a week at home. Homework for English and Maths will usually be set on alternate weeks. This will be given out each Wednesday to be handed in by the following Tuesday (at the latest). Times Tables - frequent practice needed.</p>	<p>Trips/activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to Colchester Zoo - Wednesday 3rd April (children to arrive at 8:15am for 8:30am departure) • Class museum open afternoon for parents/carers at the end of the term - date to be decided.
<p>Our usual PE days for this <i>term</i> are: 3P & 3R Tuesdays - indoor - Gymnastics & Dance Fridays - outdoor (tennis and others) <i>N.B. Swimming starts again after February half-term on Thursdays (instead of indoor PE)</i> Please ensure that your child has <u>warm clothing</u> for outside PE as well as indoor PE kits.</p>	<p>Other useful information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent's Evenings - 13th and 14th February