

Welcome back! We all hope you had a great Easter break and are ready for the summer term.

This term 'We are Explorers'! We will looking at famous explorers as well as exploring our local area. Each week we will be exploring something different, from animals and humans to countries of the world. We will also be having an 'exploration week' where the children can choose a topic to explore and then present back to the rest of the class. We finish the term looking at Pirates and working together to survive on a deserted island.

We hope you find our newsletter useful; it will give you some information about what the children will be learning, dates for your diary and some ways to help with your child's learning.

English

For the first half term we will be exploring the enchanted forest by looking at a variety of fairy tales. We will begin each week by reading a different fairy tale and using drama and acting to remember the important parts. For the rest of the week the children will be taking things from the fairy tale that has been read and adding ideas to their own version



of a fairy tale. At the end of the first half term, each child will have their own version of a fairy tale story to take home. We also hope to have the opportunity to read our fairy tales to the children in year 2.

For the second half term, we will be looking at 3 different books: Oliver and the Sea-Wigs, Pirate School and The Pirates Next Door. Within these we will be writing diaries, instructions and posters whilst working on our reading skills such as predicting and describing how we know what a character is feeling or thinking.

Maths

We will be looking at place value, the four number operations $(+ - x \text{ and } \div)$, shape, volume and capacity, time, fractions, perimeter, money and statistics. Regular practise of times tables and looking at digital and analogue clocks at home really helps with the children's learning and we appreciate your help with this.



We would hope that by the end of Year 3, children are confident in their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. Therefore, with their maths homework this term, the children will also be bringing home an additional times table sheet to practice throughout the week.

Foundation Subjects

Each week we will be exploring a different topic. Below is an outline of what we will be exploring each week. It would be great for the children to have support from home to go

alongside the work they are doing in school. Therefore, any prior work or understanding wil	1
benefit their learning of the topics we are covering.	

Week	Date	Week Title
1	16 th -20 th April	Explorers
2	23 rd – 27 th April	Exploring our Local Area
3	30 th April – 4 th May	Countries of the World
4	$7^{th} - 11^{th}$ May	Exploring how Magnets work
5	$14^{th} - 18^{th}$ May	Exploring how Light works
6	$21^{st} - 25^{th}$ May	Navigating a New Island
7	4 th – 8 th June	Exploration Week
8	$11^{\text{th}} - 15^{\text{th}}$ June	Exploring Plants
9	$18^{\text{th}} - 22^{\text{nd}}$ June	Exploring Animals and Humans
10	$25^{\text{th}} - 29^{\text{th}}$ June	Exploring the Sea
11	$2^{nd} - 6^{th}$ July	Pirates
12	9 th – 13 th July	Going on a Voyage
13	$16^{\mathrm{th}} - 20^{\mathrm{th}}$ July	Surviving on a new Island

Our indoor PE lessons will be on Wednesday mornings for 3S and Friday mornings for 3C. Our outdoor lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons.

Our music lessons will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons and we will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Drop and Stop – *Tuesday* 22nd May, 9 - 11am – Wednesday 27th June, 9 – 11am

Book Look - Monday 18th June, 3:30 – 4pm - Tuesday 19th June, 8:15 – 8:40am

Pirate Day – *Thursday* 28th June

A day where the children can come dressed as pirates. A plan for the day will be sent out closer to the time and parents are more than welcome to come and join in!

Reports Evening - Wednesday 11th July

Please feel free to drop in and discuss your child's reports

Day Trip to the 'Look Out Centre' – *Thursday 12th July*

More details will be sent out soon. If anyone is able to volunteer to come on this trip, we would be very grateful for your help.

We are looking forward to a very exciting final term in Year 3 and thank you for all of your ongoing support throughout this year.

Mr Talbot and Mrs Guy Y3 Class Teachers