

Year 3 - Curriculum Letter Summer 1

The following are some of the things we will be learning about this half term....



English...

This term children will continue to develop their creative writing skills by describing settings and characters in a story. They will be given many opportunities to write creative and imaginative stories using these important elements in both first and third person. Children will also be practising their reading skills regularly with particular focus on inference both in written texts and pictures, in which children are encouraged to use clues to gain a better understanding of it and reach accurate conclusions. Furthermore, children will be exploring the features of non-chronological reports and writing their own report based on the information collected during their IPC topic, Plants.



Maths...

This term children will be using their times tables knowledge to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by one digit numbers. Help your child to develop this skill by testing their times tables regularly. Using the Inspire Maths programme, they will use mathematical terminology such as 'product', 'quotient' and 'divisor'. Later in the term we will be exploring data and its representation in tables and bar graphs. Children will learn to collect and record data for statistical purposes. They will explore different ways to show data in graphs, to understand how to extract data from tables and graphs and to interpret data in graphs and make meaningful conclusions from it.



IPC Unit.... Let's Plant It!

In **Science**, we'll be finding out:

- What plants need in order to grow
- About water transport within plants
- About local food chains
- Why plants have leaves
- The process of seed dispersal
- Tap and fibrous roots

In **Geography**, we'll be finding out:

- Where the plants we eat come from

In addition, children will be preparing food dishes and drinks made from plants.

Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School.

We will be visiting Kew Gardens on Wednesday 25th April to explore plants in their environment and their uses for food, shelter and medicine. At home, help to deepen your child's interest in plants by pointing out the enormous variety of plants that can be found in your neighbourhood and how these are adapted to their surroundings. Take a trip further afield to see the amazing selection of plants in the Royal Parks or at West Ham Park. A trip to your nearest garden centre or DIY store gardening section can be informative. Discuss what plants need in order to grow. Find books in the library that show the life cycle of plants. How about doing some gardening with your child? You might want to plant some fruits and vegetables that will be ready for harvesting by the end of summer.