

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2025

Our theme for Summer 1 is:

Awesome Oceans

Our main focuses are:

- To learn about the world's oceans and the amazing creatures that live within them.
- To understand the difference between seas, coasts and oceans and learn the names and locations of some.
- To understand what makes a balanced diet.
- To understand the difference between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- To learn human and physical geographical features.

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks



French

Bonjour! This half-term, we will be learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood in French. We will learn the names of different body parts to help us retell the story in French.

No Outsiders in Our School

As part of our 'No Outsiders in Our School' scheme of work, this half term we will be focusing on the book: 'The Hueys and the New Jumper' by Oliver Jeffers.

Behaviour and Safety

This half term our focus will be Respect. The British Value we will be focusing on is having tolerance of others.

P.S.H.E.

This half term, we will be learning how to keep a balanced lifestyle and what happens if we lead an inactive lifestyle.

Music

Ding! Ding! This half term, we will be enjoying improvising and creating short tunes on the Glockenspiels to answer the question, "How does music make a difference to us every day?"

Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Christianity and looking at Christianity in Britain today, pilgrimage, holy relics and the importance of songs.

P.E.

We are very excited to be learning athletics this half-term and will be taking part in a mini-Olympics! Our P.E. day is Friday.



Please make sure your child has both their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits in school from Monday to Friday. Jewellery must not be worn on their P.E. days.

Please make sure all of your child's clothes are labelled.

English:

Our books this half term are 'Dear Greenpeace' and 'The Morning I Met a Whale'. The children's work this half term will include:

- Reading the books and discussing ideas and themes as a class.
- Writing a pamphlet all about Greenpeace and what they do as an organisation.
- Writing a letter to Greenpeace asking for help, including questions and exclamation marks.
- Writing an information text all about the creatures of the ocean.



The children will be taking part in weekly guided reading sessions and we will be linking in our Awesome Oceans texts. It would be wonderful if you could ask your child about the stories they have been reading.

When reading at home, why not ask your child to share what they are wondering about? For example, 'I wonder if Emily will be allowed to keep the whale?' or 'I wonder if Emily will join Greenpeace when she's older?'

Science

Calling all scientists! This half-term, we will become biologists and nutritionists, thinking all about healthy bodies! We will understand why we have skeletons and muscles and the foods we need to eat for a healthy, balanced diet.

Geography

It's time to set sail to explore our oceans, seas and coasts. Along the way we will be looking at:

- The differences between seas and oceans.
- The locations and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- 'Investigating how to use Google Earth' to find out the location of different oceans.
- Using atlases and globes to find our place within the world.



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum, everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them into a sentence. An optional Maths, and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis, as well as a weekly Seesaw Writing Challenge. Raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. Our half-termly homework will focus on the oceans and Greenpeace.

Key Dates

Weds 2nd April—World Autism Day
Fri 4th April—Poetry Day
Fri 11th April—Art Day
14th—26th April School closes for Easter holidays
w/c 28th April—First Aid Week
Weds 30th April—Dr. Owczarek

Mon 5th May—Bank Hol (school closed)
w/c 12th May—Year 6 SATs
w/c 19th May—Map Skills Week

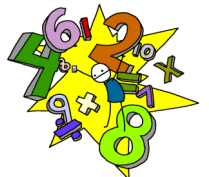
Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking to our topic of 'Awesome Oceans' where possible. We will be covering a wide variety of topics such as:

- Exploring Change: this will look at telling the time from an analogue clock and being able to recognise Roman Numerals. We will also learn about digital time, the 24 hour clock and time facts, such as days in a year and the days in each month.
- Multiplication and division: in this unit, we will learn how to divide using the bar model as well as multiplying using the column method. We will also learn about scale and correspondence problems.
- Measure: we will be understanding length, mass and capacity as well as perimeter around shapes. We will also work with different units of measure and begin to understand how to convert them.

It is vital that your child knows their times tables, specifically their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Knowing these will really help when it comes to solving problems related to multiplication and division.

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really helpful if you could practise Mental Maths, strategies and times tables. On a weekly basis, children will practise their times tables and work on their Mental Maths. skills.



Art

During this half term's Art lessons, Year 3 children will be using watercolours to produce underwater pictures. They will be learning about the artist Winslow Homer, with a particular focus on his piece entitled 'Gloucester Harbour.'



Computing

For Computing, we will be developing our E-safety knowledge and making sure that we know how to stay safe online. We will look at how to create secure passwords, how to keep our personal information safe and how to be a good online citizen.



D.T.

In keeping with the theme of Energised Earth, our design and technology week will focus on food technology. We will be looking at creating balanced meals that are both nutritious and delicious, as well as hopefully being inspired by the ocean. Please let your child's class teacher know if they have any dietary requirements.