

Burlish Park Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable break and are ready for the spring term!

Our Topic

During this unit, children take a closer look at the mysteries of tropical rainforests; from the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants, to the unique climate found in the tropics. They compare the Wyre Forest with the Amazon Rainforest, and begin to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats.



Writing

In English, our fiction unit will focus on writing a story based around a magical object. The children will be encouraged to write at length, paying attention to their choice of vocabulary and sentence type. There will be a focus on using inverted commas and writing in paragraphs.

Reading



We will be improving our ability to read fluently, begin to make inferences from a text, make comparisons within stories and improve our skills of retrieving information and facts.

Maths

We will be reinforcing calculation skills involving addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.



You can support your child at home by practising all of these mental methods. In Year 3, we work with numbers up to 1000 so practise counting beyond from any number in 1s, 10s and 100s. Your child should know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2. In Year 3, the children need to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We encourage adults to practise with their children daily. This is a fun activity that can be done online with Times Tables Rock Stars, or any spare moment in the car, walking to and from school or even chanting whilst climbing the stairs!

Other Subjects

Computing – Different forms of input and creating an independent Scratch project

Science – Forces and Magnets

Geography – The Rainforest

P.E. – Gymnastics and Invasion Games

R.E. – Christianity

Reading at home

Please listen to your child read every night as this helps to further improve their progress. Asking questions about the text engages children and helps check their understanding of what they have read. After reading,

please sign and put a comment in their Reading and Homework Diary.

Physical Education

P.E. takes place every Monday and Wednesday. **All PE kit** needs to be named, including trainers. Children need a white t-shirt or house t-shirt, navy or black shorts, spare socks and trainers. The children will also need a navy or black tracksuit for the cooler weather. 3W will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons during the spring term.

Staffing

Mr Lindley and Mrs Kelly-Edwards will teach the children on Wednesday afternoons for PE and Music. Mrs Strong will be teaching 3D on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

School Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers (and property in general) are clearly labelled with your child's name. The children regularly visit other parts of the school during the school day and it is almost impossible to reunite them if they have no name and class label.



Reminders

- Your child needs their reading book and Reading and Homework Diary in school every day.
- Parents/carers need to book and pay for school lunches on Parentpay by midnight on Tuesday for the following week. Please see the office if you need any help with setting up Parentpay.

Break time snack

Please send children in with a **fruit or vegetable** healthy snack to eat for their mid-morning break.

Homework

Maths and English: issued every Tuesday, to be returned the following Monday.

Spellings: given out on a Monday, tested on Friday.

Attendance & Punctuality

Year 3 are striving to get 100% attendance! Please only keep your child at home if really necessary and ensure that they are on time for the start of the school day.

Finally...

As ever, please feel free to approach us with any concerns or ideas, preferably at the end of the school day.

Mrs Duckworth
3D Class Teacher

Mrs Weaver
3W Class Teacher

Mrs Jones Mrs Cook Mrs Gwilliam Mr Roberts
Y3 Teaching Assistants