

## Planning and Assessment Time

Every Monday afternoon, Mrs Pirnie and Miss Bunce will work out of the classroom; this is their P.P.A time. During this time, the children will be taught a range of subjects from the curriculum by Mrs Donaldson. Mrs Cox will also work with the children on a wide variety of Forest School activities which will take place in our environmental area.

## Useful Websites

<http://www.projectbritain.com/london/b.html>  
<http://www.ducksters.com/geography/northamerica.php>  
[http://www.fun-facts.org.uk/america/north\\_america.htm](http://www.fun-facts.org.uk/america/north_america.htm)  
<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/continents/north-america/>  
<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/revision/Science/physical.htm>  
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/forcesinaction.html>  
Google 'Hit the button maths' to find an excellent website for practising times tables and number bonds.  
[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)  
Please check our school website regularly - <http://www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk/>

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th May—Summer 1 Homework Progress Check 1  
Monday 22nd May—Summer 1 Homework Progress Check 2  
Friday 26th June—Great Gateshead Fun Run  
Monday 29th May —Half Term  
Monday 5th June—INSET Day  
Tuesday 6th June—Back to school  
Wednesday 7th - Thursday 8th June—Edinburgh visit  
Friday 9th June—Year 3/4 Quadkids  
Monday 12th June—Summer 2 Homework Progress Check 1  
Friday 16th June—French Day  
Wednesday 21st June—LKS2 Sports Day  
Monday 26th June—Summer 2 Homework Progress Check 2  
Friday 7th July—Summer Fayre  
Monday 10th July—Summer 2 Homework Progress Check 3  
Thursday 20th July—End of term.



*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 3 Team.*

# Curriculum Overview



# Year 3

# SUMMER TERM



## English Overview



Through our Literacy and Language programme, children will explore the themes of friendships and feelings through an evocative story set at the seaside. Children will identify the changing moods of the main characters and how these are reflected in the setting. Our non-fiction work will be linked to a seaside setting and the children will explore information texts using two website texts as a main focus. In the second half of the term, we will explore the folktale 'The Enchantress of the Sands'. We will focus on the key features, settings and dramatic language used in this genre. In our non-fiction work, we will be comparing biographies and autobiographies.

The teaching of punctuation and grammar will be covered through the above unit. In addition to this, we will have a discrete spelling lesson every Friday. Handwriting will be taught discretely every morning.



## Maths Overview



This half term in Maths, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of time, including telling and writing the time on 12 and 24 hour digital clocks, recording time as well as calculating the duration of an event. In addition to this, children will also be learning to recognise equivalent fractions. Children will also further develop their understanding of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as drawing and making shapes using modelling materials. Children will further practise interpreting and presenting data in a range of ways. Furthermore, we will have a focus on units of weight and capacity as well as developing an understanding of money, including calculating change. Some areas of Maths will also be taught creatively through our topic. Every Friday, we have an Arithmetic lesson which is dedicated to developing children's arithmetic skills. Multiplication tables will be practised regularly.



## Topic Overview



Our topic this term is 'AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS'. Our first stop is London where we will find out all about the River Thames and the important buildings and tourist attractions built around this. We will then embark on a journey across the Atlantic to North America where we will study the physical features of this fascinating continent. On our journey, children will develop a range of skills, such as locating countries using maps and atlases as well as using the eight points of the compass, symbols and keys. We will be finding out about different modes of transport and our journey across the Atlantic will also provide us with an opportunity to remember the maiden voyage of RMS Titanic. In Science, we will be learning all about forces, including gravity and magnetism; after half term, we will be learning about the function of our skeleton and developing our understanding of what a balanced diet is. As part of our Religious Education syllabus the children will learn about key beliefs and practices of Islam as well as about the person of Jesus.

## Supporting Your Child at Home



Please encourage your child to:

- \* Read for 15 minutes every day
- \* Complete their Creative Homework carefully and on time
- \* Read books, magazines, newspapers, relevant website articles etc.
- \* Research information about this term's topic via the library or internet
- \* Learn weekly spellings and practise their multiplication tables.

Spellings will be sent home weekly on a Friday and there will be a quiz on the following Friday. Creative Homework has been distributed for this half term with progress checks on 8th May and 22nd May. On these dates, children will be required to have their homework books in school where upon they will be marked and returned on the Friday of that week.

## Special Requests



Please monitor your child's Reading Diary and sign it at least three times a week. These will be checked regularly in class and we will ensure the children change their books on a weekly basis. You can listen to your child read anything age appropriate and of interest as an alternative to their home reading book.

Please also ensure that your child has a P.E. Kit in school every Tuesday and Wednesday. At this time of year, we expect that children will wear shorts and T-shirts. Clothing for Forest School is now provided in school, although children are permitted to bring their own wellies should they wish.

We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day, therefore it would be beneficial for your child to bring a water bottle to school every day. Hopefully, we will have lots of sunshine this term and will be spending more time outdoors, therefore please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school as well as bringing a cap to wear.

## School Links



After half term, we are going to organise a visitor to come into school to support our Science work on healthy eating.

We are also in the process of booking an educational visit and will send details out as soon as possible.