

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

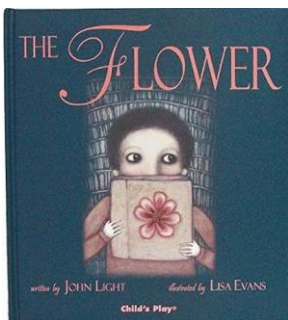
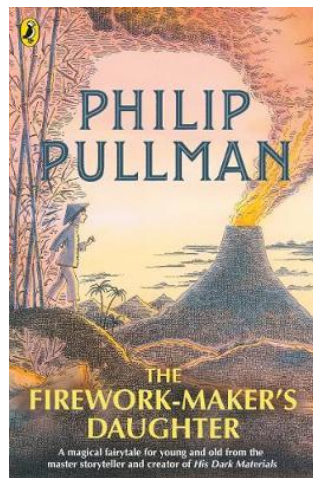
Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a lovely Easter and enjoyed a well-deserved break. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, from investigating plants in science to learning about the structure of a volcano in geography. Don't forget to follow @CCCRprimary on Twitter for updates.

English

In English this term, our work will be based around two books: *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman in Summer 1 and *The Flower* during Summer 2.

When working on the book *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, we will fine tune the skills we have learnt throughout the year to write a dialogue using the correct punctuation. We will also write an information text about volcanoes.



Whilst studying *The Flower*, we will look carefully at the skills needed to effectively describe a setting. We will then build upon this to write the next chapter of the story.

Finally, we will use what we have learnt in our science lessons to help us to write an information text on the lifecycle of a flower.

How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practise the Year 3 spelling words sent home at the start of the year.

Maths

During the Summer term, we will revisit shape and angles and will explore addition and subtraction involving money. We will look at other measurements including capacity, length and mass. We will continue to learn about statistics, exploring how we can present data in different ways.

Now that we are becoming more confident with the Year 3 arithmetic skills, we will focus on applying our knowledge to solve tricky reasoning problems. We will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and on our mental arithmetic strategies.

How to help your child in maths

Help your child to apply their maths skills to the world around them. For example, ask your child to find fractions of food. You could ask them to find a quarter of a pizza or a quarter of a pack of sweets! Look at scales of measurement with your child, for example on a jug. Help them to read the scale and measure a given amount. Take a survey in your local area. This will make maths more relatable, fun and easier to understand.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. By the end of the year, children must know the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables. If your child is already confident with these, help them to learn the sixes.



Geography

In geography, we will be studying Volcanoes and Mountains. We will spend time looking at how mountains form and will learn about the structure of a volcano and how a volcano is formed. We will also debate the pros and cons of living near to an active volcano.



Computing

In computing, we will explore recording sound before planning and recording our very own podcast! We will also continue to learn more about computer science and programming.

Art



In art we will look at the work of well-known architect Zaha Hadid.

RE

In R.E we will reflect on the concept of rules and discuss important questions such as: Which rules should we follow? and Does everyone follow the same rules? We will look at the story of the fall and the relevance of The Ten Commandments today.

Science

During Summer 1, we will put on our palaeontologist pants to explore rocks and fossils. We will look at the different types of rock and how they are formed, which links nicely to our Geography topic on volcanoes.

Throughout Summer 2, we will learn all about plants. We will revisit the structure of a plant and learn the different functions of each part of the plant. We will learn what pollination is and why it is important. We will investigate what conditions plants need in order to grow and live, and will carry out an experiment into how water is transported in plants.



PSHE

In PSHE our units are Being a Risk Taker, Keeping Safe and It's Ok to Tell. We will also discuss the importance of healthy relationships.

General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Monday and a Tuesday. The children will be learning Tri-Golf outdoors on a Monday and Athletics outdoors on a Tuesday.
- Our Go Outdoors themed homework grid is now available on the school website.
- Mrs Taylor will continue to teach the children on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday.
- If you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Mrs Preston, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Marrow