



## Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter

I hope you all had a relaxing and fun Easter holiday. This half term our value is **'Dignity'**. During Collective Worship and class activities, we shall be exploring what dignity means, how we can show dignity to others and it's importance in our daily lives. After half term our value will be **'Joy'**. During Summer 2, we will be exploring the different ways we can experience joy and will be discussing why we have placed joy at the end of our school year. The children will read and listen to different stories and quotes from the Bible that link to each of these values.

### English

This term, the children will begin by focusing on the text ***'Flotsam'*** by David Wiesner. This is a wonderful story and is brilliant for inspiring the children's imagination. The book is entirely made of pictures which we will use to inspire the children's writing and encourage them to think of questions and elements of the book that they would like to investigate further.

We will be specifically focusing on the children's understanding of a range of grammatical terms. The children will be developing their ability to confidently recognise and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions. There will also be an increased focus on the children reading their own work through and editing it before giving it to an adult to check.

### Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing focus this term is Physical and Mental Wellbeing. For this the children will learn and understand the difference between the terms physical, emotional and mental.

We will also continue to learn about the wildlife inhabiting our school grounds. The children will get the opportunity to go bird watching in the wildlife area and make new bird baths and also bat houses. After half term, the children will be taking part in a series of Relationship lessons. A separate letter detailing the date and content of these sessions will be sent out in due course.

### Maths

On our return to school after the Easter holidays we will be looking at fractions. We will be learning how to add and subtract fractions before moving onto calculating part of a whole.

During the first part of the Summer term we will also be learning about time and money. The children will learn how to tell the time in 5 and 10 minute intervals on an analogue clock. They will then learn about pounds and pence and practise adding and subtracting different amounts of money.

After half term, we will be focusing on shape and statistics.

### Times Tables

Times tables continue to be incredibly important for the children to know and have a solid understanding of. By this stage in the year, the children should be able to answer multiplication and division questions for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They should also be growing more confident with the 4 and 8 times tables.

Please encourage your children to continue playing Times Tables Rock Stars which will work systematically through the times tables that they should know.



### Science, Computing and Design Technology

*Our topic this term is 'Animals including Humans'. As part of this topic, the children will be learning what animals need to survive.*

*They will be exploring the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and will be learning about the 'Eat Well Plate.' As part of this term's Design and Technology lessons we will be asking the children to be cooking a healthy meal as part of their homework.*

*In Science the children will focus on the understanding and application of some scientific language such as exoskeletons, vertebrates and invertebrates.*

*In Computing, the children will be developing their ability to complete research. This will be largely linked to our History topic on the Iron Age. They will also be beginning to learn how to code a simple game using Scratch.*

### Geography

*Our Geography topic this term is 'Where and why does the Earth rumble?'. For this topic, the children will be learning more about Tectonic plates, earthquakes, volcanoes and mountains. They will be exploring how to find significant places on a range of different maps, including Google Maps, an atlas and a globe. The children will also be learning how mountains and volcanoes are formed and will be learning some of the relevant scientific language.*

### Homework

*This term, the children will have the opportunity to practise spellings through their online learning. This will also be set on Purple Mash for any children who would like to practise. The children will also be encouraged to practise their times tables using TT Rock Stars. All of the homework will be either online or stuck within their homework books.*

### PPA

*Mrs Boyle will continue to teach the children on Fridays. The day will follow the usual time table and all the routines will stay the same during this time.*

### History

*During History this half term, we will be learning about the Iron Age. The children will be looking at how culture has change from the Stone Age. They will be particularly focusing on building development, art, culture and farming. During this topic the children will discover how Celtic culture began to influence Britain at this time and how rapidly the country began to develop before the Roman invasion and occupation.*

### Expressive Arts

*Our key skills in Art this term are printing and textiles. For this, the children will have the opportunity to print using a range of different materials and explore the benefits of working slowly and carefully to ensure their prints are as clear and beautiful as they can be.*

*In Summer 2 we will be combining these two skills when learning about our key artist Jen Hewett. She is an American artist who specialises in fabric printing. This term in French we will continue to look at basic greetings and names for objects. In music the children will continue to use Charanga to learn about different music styles.*

### RE

*Our topic this term is 'How has the Christian message survived for 2000 years?'*

*The children will be learning more about religious symbols and important Christian messages. They will also be exploring the values represented by the Fruits of the Spirit and why they are so important to Christians.*

*After half term, we are moving onto learning more about Sikhism. The children will be exploring their beliefs and customs and finding similarities and differences between Sikhism and Christianity.*



### Dates

*Bank holiday for King's Coronation -  
Monday 8th May*

*Biodiversity and Sustainability week—  
Monday 22nd—Friday 25th May*

*Mufti Day for bottles for the Summer  
Garden Party - Friday 26th May*

*INSET Day - Monday 5th June*

*INSET Day - Tuesday 6th June*

*PTFA Wear trainers for sweets for the  
Summer Garden Party - Friday 16th  
June*

*Sports Day—Friday 30th June*

*Reserve Sports Day—Monday 3rd July*

*Art Exhibition—Tuesday 4th July—  
3.30pm—5:00pm*

*Art Exhibition—Wednesday 5th July—  
3.30pm—5:00pm*

*Open Evening —Wednesday 5th July—  
3.30pm—5:00pm*

*Music Concert— Thursday 6th July 2023  
- 6.00pm -7.00pm*

### Uniform

*Please adhere to the school's uniform policy  
which can be found on the website. Please do  
remember that trainers should only be worn  
for P.E lessons.*

*As summer approaches, please remember to  
bring in water bottles, hats and sun cream.*

*The children will need to be able to apply  
this themselves.*

*Please ensure all items of clothes are named.*

### Finally.

*If you have any questions or concerns,  
please feel free to arrange a phone call with  
me by emailing the school office at in-  
fo@nutfield.surrey.sch.uk or ringing the  
school office and I will get back to you as  
soon as I can. I am very happy to answer  
any quick queries at the end of the day It is  
always good to hear from you!*

*Kind regards,*

*Mr Bowen, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Russell  
The Year 3 Team*

