



Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new half term. We hope the children enjoyed their break over Easter. This half term we are starting a new topic based on The Lorax and learning about climate.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional Suggestions for home learning:
English	<p>Spelling: Spelling this half term will be 'challenge words' which are words that do not necessarily fit a spelling 'pattern' but are part of the national curriculum. We will also be revising previous spellings set across the year.</p> <p>Grammar: Using a variety of conjunctions, descriptive devices, using 'a' or 'an'.</p> <p>Writing: The Lorax by Dr Suess</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive letters • Instructions • Penpals with Muswell Hill Primary. Each child has been set up with a 'penpal' at MHP. We recently received our first letters from them, and we look forward to responding this half term. The aim of this initiative is to develop purpose for writing. <p>Reading: Vocabulary and inference skills</p> <p>Handwriting: Joined up writing.</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a variety of genres, including fiction and non-fiction. • Visit online libraries: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page (sign up is free) <p>Spelling Please go over last terms spellings and continue to learn the new spellings using Spelling Shed.</p>
Maths	<p>Fractions: Calculating fractions of groups of objects. Calculating fractions of numbers.</p> <p>Time: Recap quarter past/ to/ half past and O'clock, Time to the nearest 5 minutes, Time to the nearest minute, Using AM and PM/ 24-hour clock and Duration</p>	<p>Daily practice of mental maths. 5 minutes on the walk to or from school will work wonders for their memory! Adding and subtracting up to 50 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables</p>
Science	<p>Light: Understanding how shadows and reflections are made. Understanding how light is reflected.</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize KS2 Light and dark: Light - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize</p>
Computing	<p>Creating media: Recognising how text and images convey information.</p> <p>Online safety: Self-image and identity</p>	

Geography	Climate Climate zones, biomes, animal and plant adaptations. Human impact on the natural environment.	Please continue to use a variety of maps and atlases to practice identifying countries and cities they know.
PE	Athletics and outdoor games.	
Art	Painting based on the artist Kehinde Wiley Children will learn techniques to create negative space using paint and explore the contrast between foreground and background.	Kehinde Wiley is an American portrait painter based in New York City who is known for his highly naturalistic paintings of African Americans. Encourage your child to research more about him!
PSHE	Relationships Exploring family roles and responsibilities Exploring the skills of friendship. Understand how the actions and work of people around the world influence our lives.	Talk to your child about what they think makes them a good friend. Observe where the foods we eat/clothes we wear have come from. Recognise the work of people around the world and how that influences our lives.
Music	This half term, we will be focusing on singing. We will be practising using our voices expressively and creatively, and with increasing control and expression for a special recording in Summer 2.	
Mandarin	Days of the week	

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.

With best wishes,

Ms Coburn & Mrs Etan (**Year 3 Team**)