

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term.

I can't quite believe how quickly the last year has gone by – baby George is almost 11 months old already! I am excited to be back at school though and looking forward to a busy and exciting term of learning with Class 3.

Our whole school topic this term is: *It's a bug's life* and so Class 3 will be focusing on the classic Roald Dahl story; *James and the Giant Peach*. We will be following the adventures of the creepy crawlies living inside the peach as they travel to New York together!

In English, the children will be using imagery to create effective character descriptions. They will use role play to help them empathise and write insightful diary entries and will learn how to use play scripts work too. The children will also explore the art of persuasion – so watch out everyone!!

In Maths, we will be spending much of the first term looking at tenths and hundredths and also continuing with times tables. Miss Walker is looking for the champion of each class to battle in a head-to-head competition later in the summer term – who will be crowned Uley's Hit the Button Champion?! We will also spend time building on the children's grasp of geometry and measures.

Our Science topics this term are *Plants* and *Sound*, both of which provide ample opportunity for engaging practical work. In our first topic, the children will be discovering the names and functions of different parts of a plant; exploring what they need to grow and finding out about the different stages in the life cycle of a flower. They will be then be combining their design and technology skills in our second topic as they create their own string telephone, and set of windpipes.

Mrs Delrosa will continue to teach the children on Fridays and will also teach them fortnightly on a Thursday morning. During her time with the class, she will be concentrating on spelling, grammar and punctuation in English, teaching Capacity in Maths and then focusing on RE during Friday

afternoons. In RE, Mrs Delrosa will be looking at the final part of the Easter story, concentrating on Ascension and Pentecost. There will be a strong focus on Judaism too this term with a school comparative faith week.

Many of the routines have continued from last term, such as Rainbow Maths, spelling groups and homework – please find a copy of this term’s activities attached. There is also a copy of the timetable for the Summer term below. Changes are likely to be made from time to time, particularly with production rehearsals starting after half term, and so it is a guide only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rainbow Maths	Rainbow Maths	Rainbow Maths	Rainbow Maths	Rainbow Maths
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
English	English	English	English	English
Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Rugby (1:30pm-2:15pm)	Guided Reading	Guided Reading
Art/DT	Topic		Science	RE
	PE	e-safety/MFL		PSHE

Please note that PE will be on the following days and so your child will require a fully named kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities:

Term 1: Tuesday - Indoor Gymnastics
Wednesday - Outdoor rugby

Term 2: Wednesday - Outdoor Athletics

The Summer term certainly looks to be a busy one with our engaging final topic, lots of exciting learning opportunities and our dazzling Key Stage 2 Production as well! So, I hope everyone’s ready for a fast-paced and memorable end to the year!

I look forward to catching up with you all on the playground but in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to ask any questions. I look forward to seeing your children flourish this term and be the best that they can be.

Kind regards,

Hannah Saunders
 Class 3 Teacher