

Year 3 Newsletter

Term 6 - Keen to be Green



Welcome back!

We hope you enjoyed your holiday.

Our final topic in Year 3 is Keen to be Green. We will be finding out about plants in Science and looking at the history of Battersea Park. This term we will incorporate Spanish into our Geography by looking at Peru and the Amazon Rainforest.



English

We have spent the first week back looking at performance poetry and have performed a poem called Walking with my Iguana by Brian Moses.

Next week we will be starting the book 'Varmints' by Helen Ward which is a dilemma story based on our topic. We will be retelling the story and focusing on writing detailed setting descriptions to create a visual image for the reader.

We will be writing an information text on the life cycle of a flowering plant.

Later in the term we will be writing a newspaper report based on the history of Battersea Park.

Maths

We will start by developing our understanding of multiplication and division using written methods such as the grid method and chunking.

We will continue to practise and apply methods to solve problems involving the 4 operations. We will also use this understanding in real life situations involving money and capacity.

We will continue to practise the 3, 4 and 8 times tables daily using Rockstars. Mental strategies will be practiced daily and applied in a weekly test.

Science

This term we will be learning about the growth of plants. We will start by looking at the different parts of a plant and their functions. We will also be looking at how plants get food from photosynthesis, nutrients in soil and how they transport water through their roots.

Finally we will look at the life cycle of a plant and how plants spread their seeds.

PE

This term we will continue to go swimming every Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child has the correct swimming kit.

Our other P.E. time is on a Tuesday afternoon with our P.E. coach Dominic, focusing on tennis and practicing for sports day. The children will be outside so they need to wear trainers, black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts and a white t-shirt.

Topic

The topic focus of this term is History. We will be carrying out a local history study based on Battersea Park and the changes that have happened there over time. During our trip, we will visit the park and record our observations. We will apply our map reading skills from Geography to help us locate the park and draw comparisons. We will continue to develop our global map skills by looking at settlements in different areas of Peru including The Amazon Rainforest. This will inspire our Spanish learning which will focus on the weather and food in Peru.

In Computing this term, we will be continue to develop our presentational skills using PowerPoint. We will use the internet to research, collect and record information, considering the purpose and audience. We will then add special effects and evaluate the overall presentation.

In RE we are learning about Sikhism. We will look at the main themes in Sikhism (Guru Nanak, rules and behaviour, equality, the Gurdwara and the Khanda), as well as learning about the life of Guru Nanak.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution. In Term 1, our trip was to the Horniman Museum which really helped the children to learn about skeletons. In Term 2, our visitor was a circus performer who made our topic of 'Travelling Circus' come to life. In Term 3, our visitor was from a workshop company (Crew). This workshop gave children an insight into Viking life and stories. In Term 4, our trip was to the Science Museum. The children took part in an interactive workshop to develop their understanding of forces. In Term 5, we were visited by the 'Geobus' to deliver a workshop on fossils. We also took part in an interactive workshop with The Freshwater Theatre about volcanoes and earthquakes.

In Term 6, year 3 will be visiting Battersea Park and taking part in a 'Go Ape' adventure activity as part of outdoor and adventure in PE, and will make observations of the park as part of their local history study.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

Key Dates

Crimson Class trip - Monday 18th June

Scarlet Class Trip - Tuesday 19th June

Y3 Sharing Assembly - Thursday 28th June

Sports Day (Y3) - Tuesday 3rd July

Please have a look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!

www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.
Abbey Makeham (Crimson Class) and Jack Park (Scarlet Class).