

Year 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Maney Hill for the Summer Term!

Here is a brief outline of what we will be learning this term:

Subject	Details
English	English lessons for this term will focus on the sci-fi themes of aliens and superheroes. Initially our work will be based on the text Alien Invasion. Later in the term, we will focus on known superheroes, from films and books, contrasting them with the villains they come up against and also comparing them with real-life heroes. We will also look closely at Heracles from Greek mythology, pondering if he was the first ever superhero, before exploring and retelling myths. This term, we will further explore a variety of text types, both fiction and non-fiction, including recounts, stories, descriptive writing and report writing.
Maths	We will begin this term further developing our knowledge of shape (both 2D and 3D), angles (less than, equal to and greater than a right angle) and lines (vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular). Throughout the term, we will revisit and extend our understanding, looking to develop a mastery of the curriculum, in many other areas including measurement (in ml and l), fractions, time and statistics. Additionally, we will complete work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division looking at problems in different contexts, involving choosing the correct operation(s) and checking working out carefully.
Science	In Science, we will moving onto learning about plants. We will identify the parts of a flowering plant, finding which of the foods we eat come from different parts of plants. Furthermore, we will explore how water is transported within plants and investigate the conditions that plants require to live, grow and stay healthy. This unit will be complete after looking at the life cycle of plants where we will learn about pollination, describing in detail the role of each part of a flower.
Topic	<i>Early Settlers</i> will be our topic for the Summer Term, looking at the periods of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in pre-historic England. We will be comparing how early man survived and adapted through the ages. Moreover, we will analyse artefacts from the time, create cave art in authentic ways and investigate the historical sites of Stonehenge and Skara Brae. During this term, we will also be looking to book some enrichment experiences for the topic.
P.E.	In P.E. this term, we will work on athletics, developing our running, jumping and throwing skills as well as developing our performance in striking and fielding games through cricket sessions.

Children will also have regular R.E. and French lessons.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

- Children should be able to quickly recall multiplication facts from the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, and 10x tables, as well as their inverse division facts, by the end of this term so regular practice is essential. We will provide the opportunity for children to test themselves using Times Tables Rockstars. Logins should be in the children's homework books.
- The children will also get spellings to learn on a weekly basis. As a way of learning spellings, I would recommend getting your child to use them within written sentences. Not only does this help with spelling the words, but also puts the words into context, builds your child's vocabulary and develops their sentence structure.
- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to independently change their reading book, although should establish a deep understanding of the text before changing to a new book.

Thank you for your support throughout the year so far and we look forward to a great Summer Term.

Kind Regards,

Mr Wigley and Miss Bull