Fairlawn Primary School

Year 3 Learning Letter

Summer 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
Thursday 19th and 20th May - Class Photos
Thursday 26th May - International Evening
Friday 27th May - End of term

NEW TOPIC: INDIA

In this topic we will explore the geographical features and climate of India and will be helping children to understand how diverse the country and culture is. In indoor P.E. the children will be learning Bollywood dance moves and their art lessons will also relate to India. On the day of the International Evening (see above), if your child wants to dress in something related to the Indian culture, they are very welcome to.

MATHS

We have a focus on money, statistics and length this half term, before starting on fractions. The children's home learning will provide insight into how this is being approached in school. Our times tables focus this half term is the 12x, building on the 6x tables facts from last half term, so please practise these with your child and encourage them to use their TTRockstars account to keep their previous tables learning fresh.

Maths Home Learning will continue to be set every Friday and is due back in school by the following Wednesday ideally.

LITERACY

This half term we will be basing our unit of stories from other cultures on the book Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet, a beautiful picture book set on a tea plantation in India. Creating atmospheric, sensory-rich settings will be an important focus when the children are writing their own stories, as well as paragraphing and the correct punctuation of direct speech.

ORACY

We will be reintroducing our weekly Oracy session. Please look out for the separate communication with the details of the theme and date for your child.

READING

We will continue to follow the whole class model of teaching reading, using Grandpa Chatterji by Jamila Gavin as our main text. We would, as always, encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis and to get them to log on to their Bug Club books to practise their comprehension skills.

SPELLING

The spelling of words with these endings is the main focus; -er (after ch), -k sound spelt ch, g sound spelt gue, k sound que. We will practise these spellings in class through spelling activities and handwriting, but children should also practise these at home using the ideas in the front of the spelling book.

SCIENCE

This half term the children will continue learning about plants- the different parts of a flowering plant and their functions, the life cycle of flowering plants and different forms of seed dispersal.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The **TWO** Outdoor learning 'Forest School' sessions for each class will be on:

Tues 26th April and 10th May for 3E
Tues 3rd May and 17th May for 3G

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing on those days.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- **Please continue to that ensure your child comes to school in their Outdoor PE Kit on Thursdays**
- **3G to wear Indoor PE kit on Tuesdays**
- **3E to wear Indoor PE kit on Wednesdays**
  (At this time of year, it tends to be shorts and T-shirts for both)

We hope you had a good Easter and thank you for your continued support!

THE YEAR 3 TEAM

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