

Grove Road Primary School  
Year Three Termly Newsletter



Welcome back to Spring term! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Here is some information you will need for Year Three this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Miss Lea, Mr Maranzana, Mrs Aldridge & Mrs Moar

**Our main theme(s):**

Mother Nature

We will explore our theme, 'Mother Nature' throughout the term. Our musical focus will be on composition and the theme of the unit is, 'environment' which links in well to our, 'Mother Nature' topic. In art we will be studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Georgia O'Keeffe. In science our topic will be plants and we aim to use the local environment to support learning. In PSHCE we will focus on Global Citizenship. Pupils will explore their learning styles and work collaboratively to set and achieve goals. In RE will be looking at the life of Jesus and focusing primarily on Easter. Our PE sessions will involve playing competitive games and we will use dance sessions to prepare for the Year Three and Four Production. In computing will we explore how computing is used to communicate in different ways. Pupils will also learn how to use and manipulate sound through the use of software. Pupils will also learn how to stay safe online.

**English units:**

Through our English we will link to the theme of, 'Mother Nature' by writing explanations about various weather phenomenon.

During our poetry vocabulary sessions we will look at poems that link to the weather.

**English Units**

Traditional Tales

Explanations

Recounts

Poetry – vocabulary building

Poetry – Haiku, Tanka, Kennings

**Maths topics:**

In Maths this term we will be working on:

- Telling the time (analogue, digital, 24 hour, Roman Numerals)
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods
- Problem solving
- Fractions of shapes and numbers (equivalence, compare and order, add and subtract fractions)
- 2D and 3D shape
- Angles (right angle, acute, obtuse, degrees in turns and angles)
- Data handling (tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs)

**Our PE days are:**

Tuesday and  
Wednesday

The kit pupils need is:  
Shorts and T-shirt and  
Tracksuit and trainers  
for games sessions.

**Home Learning:** Will go out on  
Wednesday for return the  
following Monday. We also ask  
that children read at least 5  
times each week with an adult.

**Other ways to help at  
home:**

Learning x tables  
Telling the time  
Measures  
Spellings  
Sharing books

**Reminders:**

- Reading records will be checked every Monday and Friday. We would hope to see that your child has read at least once a day.
- Please ensure jumpers, water bottles, shoes and coats are clearly labelled

**Year Three and Four Production**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 2018

**Kidzania trip**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Andy Goldsworthy workshop**

Parents will be invited in to create Andy Goldsworthy style sculptures with the children on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the morning

**If parents could help with reading, learning times tables or spellings during the afternoons, please let us know. We would really appreciate your support. Parents who help regularly will need to complete a DBS check.**