

Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School

# Summer Term

2018



# Year 3



## Literacy

Literacy will take place on a daily basis as will guided reading. We will continue to teach literacy with an emphasis on 'talk for writing' to improve children's speaking and listening skills. This then feeds into their writing allowing them to write at greater length and with an improved vocabulary.

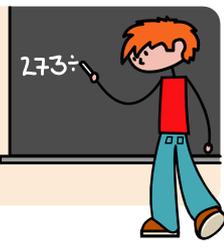
This term we will gather information from non-fiction books to support our Rainforest, Hinduism and Stone Age topics. We will read and write a variety of poetry as well as studying some adventure and mystery stories. Spelling homework will continue to be given out and tested on Mondays. Thank you for supporting your child with his or her spelling homework.



**Please ensure that your child continues to read at home for at least 10 minutes daily and that you complete their Reading Record book by commenting and signing it at the end of each week. It is also beneficial if you read to your child daily where possible.**

Have a look at this website for ideas to support your child...

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/literacy/index.htm>



## Mathematics

This term our focus will be on place value, shape, measurements, fractions, simple decimals, data handling and also number work based on the four operations ( $=$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ), including solving one and two-step word-based problems.

Please encourage your child to continue to learn their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, including division facts, to enable accurate and rapid recall. We will continue with tests on Fridays and mental maths tests will be monthly. Mental maths books will be sent out to support learning in maths on Friday, to be returned by **Wednesday**.



## RE

Hinduism and Kingdom of God are our topics for this term. The Kingdom of God unit looks at Pentecost and will be studied in the first half of this term. We will be aiming to find out about customs, traditions and celebrations in Hinduism. We will compare and contrast Hinduism and Christianity and we will link what we find out to our own experiences of celebrating.



## Science

Our science topics for this term are 'Helping Plants to Grow Well' and 'Light and Shadow'. The children will be conducting investigations into plant growth and recording their observations. In 'Light and Shadow' they will investigate the size and shape of shadows and how they are formed. We hope to make, and enjoy using, shadow puppets in a mini theatre.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7\\_8/science\\_7\\_8.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/science_7_8.shtml)





## Computing

This term our topics are 'We are communicators' and 'We are opinion pollsters'. Please read the Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement/E-safety rules. There will also be a letter to return regarding use of emails.



## Geography and History

This term we will be studying the Rainforest. The children will learn about the location, climate and features of the rainforest and consider how it differs from those of our country. They will be able to identify the plants and creatures that live there and discover the current threats to the rainforest's continued existence.



We will also be finding out about the period referred to as pre-history at the time of the Stone Age. To enhance our learning in this topic we will be enjoying the experience of a Stone Age Day at Celtic Harmony Camp.



## Art and D & T

We will be finding out all about pattern in Art. We are going to investigate patterns in textiles from different times and cultures. We will use ideas from these as a starting point for developing our own designs and investigate stencilling and print-making techniques. We will also explore ways of combining and organising shapes, colours and patterns such as pattern found in animals and linking to our Rainforest topic in Geography.

In D & T we will be making our own 'Models that Move' using pneumatics.



## PE



PE lessons will be on a Monday (C3), Wednesday (GB3), with a further session for both classes on a Thursday afternoon on the field. Please ensure the children have a full PE kit, including trainers/plimsolls in school at all times. It is essential that **all kit is clearly named**. Whenever possible we will be going outside so children should have appropriate clothing - a hat would be useful for the sunnier days.



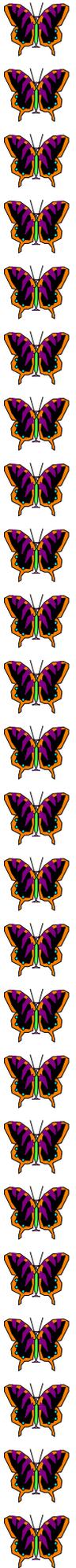
## Sports Uniform is:

- Coloured house T-shirt (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons).
- **Plain** black P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games - please check they fit, children often return to school after a holiday with footwear that is too small.
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside games in colder weather

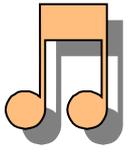


It is helpful if the children keep their P.E. kit in a named drawstring bag to hang on their peg rather than a backpack or a large kitbag. They will bring them home every half term.





## Music



Music will be taught on a two weekly basis by Mrs Harrison, Head of Music at St Mary's together with a weekly singing assembly. Topics covered will be practised and reinforced on the alternate weeks in class. This term we will look at Painting with Sound.

## French



- Madame Farrington will teach both classes French with vocabulary being reinforced in class on a daily basis. We are sure your child will be keen to share their new skills at home. The topics we are covering this term are:
- 'On fait la fete' (Celebrations) in which the children learn language relating to celebrations of special occasions and of their achievements in activities and games. They also learn to say the name of the month in which they celebrate their birthday.
- 'Portraits' in which the children learn the names for the main parts of the body and describe colours. They ask and answer questions about physical appearance.

## Summer School Uniform

Now that we have reached the heady days of summer (maybe), a brief reminder that boys may wear shorts (grey) and girls may choose to wear a pink (not red) check cotton dress with white socks. Hair accessories should be black, brown, maroon, or match the dress.

## Important Dates

- Class photos 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Stone Age Camp on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Letters will be sent - please return slips ASAP.

*Keep checking the monthly news letters for any new events or changes.*

## Thank you!

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time and support to hear children read in school and to those of you who helped with swimming last term. Offers of help with reading, D & T and other activities, would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading, spelling, maths and other projects at home.