



April 2018

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils and their families after the Easter break. We hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils and it is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that their planner and reading record is used to record daily reading at home. Please ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled so that it can be returned if mislaid.

Our summer term learning will focus on Rainforests, Railways, Light and Plants, Watercolours, Mechanical Posters and Adinkra textiles.

In Geography, we will be learning:

- About countries where rainforests are found
- To use an atlas to locate world rainforests
- To understand the climate of rainforests
- About the plants and animal found in rainforest layers.

In History, we will be learning about Railways, including

- The benefits of the growth of the railway network in Great Britain
- Naming important individuals, famous locomotives and early railway lines
- Describing the different locomotive technologies that have developed over time
- Describing some of the main train routes in Great Britain and the positive and negative effects of the railways.

In Science, we will be learning:

- To understand that dark is the absence of light
- To set up an investigation and make predictions
- To understand how surfaces reflect light
- To recognise that a mirror appears to reverse an image
- To identify some parts of the eye
- To understand how the sun can damage parts of the eye
- To identify opaque, translucent and transparent objects
- To know how shadows change size
- To identify the different parts of flowering plants
- To predict what will happen in an investigation
- To identify the main stages of the life cycle of flowering plants
- To explain the functions of the different parts of plants
- To set up an investigation and make predictions
- To make observations and conclusions
- Identify different parts of a flower
- Identify and describe the stages of the lifecycle of flowering plants.

In Art, we'll be learning:

- To paint a colour wheel carefully, blending paint when appropriate
- To compile a fact file about a famous artist
- To blend watercolours carefully observing the colours used in an original work
- To use ICT and art techniques to reproduce famous art works in watercolour.

In Design and Technology, we'll be learning:

- To explore how mechanical systems work
- To draw a design which uses annotations to add some detail
- To develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative products aimed at a particular audience
- To make a prototype and well finished poster which aims to have two lever/linkage mechanisms
- To use design criteria to help guide the evaluation process
- To understand the origins and meanings of Adinkra symbols
- To use a variety of stitches on a piece of fabric to create Adinkra influenced textiles.

#### Forthcoming events

As part of our art topic we would like to arrange for a local artist to come and talk to the children. If you are an artist or know any artists, please get in touch with any of the Year 3 team.

There will be a Year 3 class trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum on either Thursday 7 June or Friday 8 June (depending on which class your child is in), the letter for which will be sent out soon.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 28 June (Friday 29 June reserve day). We will also be holding a Scooter Training event on Monday 9 July. Further details of both events will follow.

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher. It continues to be a pleasure for us to work with Year 3 and we look forward to a positive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

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