

Uffculme Primary School

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SUMMER 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Now we are back at school, this newsletter will update you on our Year 3 learning and the routines for the summer term. In Year 3 this term, Mrs Cole (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Kumeta (Thursday and Friday) will be teaching, and Mrs Morgan and Mrs Murphy will be the Teaching Assistants in class during the mornings and some afternoons. After half term, Mrs Kumeta will be on maternity leave as she is expecting her new baby in July! Mrs Cole will then be teaching Monday to Thursday and Mrs Pethick will be teaching Year 3 on a Friday until the end of the academic year.

We pride ourselves on having an open-door policy, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Similarly, if we are ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with any of the adults in Year 3 and they will be more than happy to help.

We have included a list of topics for the summer term and a brief explanation of what we will be covering during each one in the table below. This term in Year 3, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Outdoor Wonderland – Non-fiction	We will be writing instructions to inform.
	Cinderella of the Nile –	
	Fiction	To write another version of the Cinderella story in a different setting.
	Dare to Care: Pet Dragon	
	– Non-fiction	Letter writing- advice on looking after a creature or object, real or imagined.
	Poetry Pie – <i>Poetry</i>	
		To write and perform our own poems.
Maths	Column subtraction	We will be learning how to use column subtraction that includes regrouping.
	Fractions	
		Within this unit, we will be learning how to identify a whole and the parts that make it up.



	Time	
	Time	We will be learning how to tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.
	Money	We will be learning how to convert pounds and pence. We will practise adding and subtracting money and learn how to find change.
Science	Light and shadows Plants	We will be able to explain what happens when light reflects, describe how shadows form and identify patterns between groups of materials and the shadows produced.
		We will be able to identify what plants need to grow healthily and describe the structure and function of the parts of flowering plants. We will also be able to describe the life cycle of a flowering plant.
Geography	Oceans and Rivers	We will be locating different oceans and rivers on the map and be able to label the physical features of a river. We will be researching famous rivers in the UK and in the world.
History	Ancient Egyptians	We will be continuing our learning on the Ancient Egyptians.
Art	Ancient Egyptian Scrolls	We will be investigating the style, pattern and characteristics of Ancient Egyptian art and using this to create our own Egyptian scrolls.
DT	Cooking and nutrition – eating seasonally	We will be designing our own tart recipe using seasonal ingredients.
Music	Samba with Sergio Ukelele	This unit explores call-and-response through word rhythms, body and vocal percussion. It also gives a snapshot into samba and carnival.
	- Givenere	We will then be learning how to play the Ukelele.
PSHE	Economic Wellbeing	An introduction to budgeting, learning about the different paying methods, potential jobs and careers and learning that anyone can aspire to anything.
Computing	Data handling	Understanding what a database is. Learning the meanings of records, fields and data.
	Online safety	



RE	Hindus	Learning about online safety: 'fake news', privacy settings, ways to deal with upsetting online content, protecting our personal information on social media. We will be looking to answer the question – what do Hindus believe God is like?
PE	Athletics, Cricket and Rounders.	In PE, we will be learning cricket and rounders skills and the rules of the games.

HOMEWORK IN YEAR 3

Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least 3 times a week at home. In Year 3, we expect this to be for around 15 minutes each time. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. Books will be checked once a week, when dojos will be given to those who have read at least three times in a week.

Spelling

In Year 3, children will have a daily spelling lesson. Homework will be set once a week on a Monday. The children will have one week to complete homework. Dojos will be awarded to those who complete homework on time.

Maths

Children are expected to practise times tables on Times Table Rockstars (TT Rockstars). This will be set on a Friday, and again children will have one week to complete the homework, with dojos being awarded.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name. For break time, your child can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Wednesday and a Friday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.



Thank you for your help and support over the term ahead.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cole and Mrs Kumeta

Year 3 Teachers

Dates for your diary:

APRIL					
Tuesday 23 rd		Open Classrooms			
MAY					
Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday – No school			
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th		KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)			
Friday 24 th May		Ambition Day			
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024 - Half Term Break					
JUNE					
Wednesday 5 th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting			
Monday 10 th		Whole school and class photographs			
Tuesday 11 th	1:30pm	1 st EYFS Transition visit			
Wednesday 12 th	3:45pm	Summer Music Concert			
Saturday 15 th	11am – 3pm	PTFA Summer Fete			
Tuesday 18 th	1:30pm	2 nd EYFS Transition visit			
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th		Year 4 Residential - Kilve			
JULY					
Monday 1 st	2pm	KS2 Production Dress rehearsal			
Tuesday 2 nd		Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School			
	3:40pm	Meet and Greet with new teachers			
Wednesday 3 rd	5:30PM	KS2 Evening Performance (The Venue)			
Thursday 4 th	All Day	Sports Day (Uffculme School)			
Friday 5 th	All day	Mix Festival (KS2 only)			
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th		Year 6 Residential – Charter House			
Friday 12 th		Summer Reports sent home			
Thursday 18 th	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on field (for Year			
		6 only)			
Friday 19 th		Last day of term			
Monday 22 nd July Summer Holidays					

