



**Year 3**  
**St. Clare Class**  
**Summer Term 2019**  
**Parent Information Pack**

## Welcome back!

We hope you have had a restful Easter break and that all the children have come back relaxed and refreshed for their final term in Year 3. This term the class will become Rainforest Explorers. We will be finding out about South American rainforests and the Mayans as part of this.

### English

In English we will be reading some Mayan Warrior poetry, *Abuela's Weave*, *The Great Kapok Tree*, *The Chocolate Tree*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and some non-fiction books about the Mayans and Rainforest. These texts will all link in with our learning journey. We will be adapting and writing our own warrior poetry, retelling and adapting a Mayan traditional tale, creating a non-fiction leaflet and writing instructions and persuasively linking these with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Throughout all of this we will continue to develop key writing skills of editing and re-drafting work.

Thank you so much for your continued support with your child's reading - it really does make a difference! It continues to be important for the children to read aloud and discuss the story, or text, to show a good level of understanding and to be able to answer questions about what they are reading at home. They will also take part in weekly guided reading sessions to develop these skills.

Weekly spelling activities and handwriting practice will also continue to be taught daily and spellings tested on a Wednesday.

### Mathematics

In mathematics this term, we shall be covering the following objectives:

- Read, write and order and round two- and three- digit numbers
- Statistics: drawing, reading and interpreting different types of graph
- Counting and estimating
- Multiplication and division problems
- Addition and subtraction of three-digit numbers and 1s,
- Column addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers
- Shape: identifying horizontal, vertical, and curved lines
- Measuring capacity using millilitres and litres
- Fractions: equivalence, addition and subtraction within, finding tenths
- Read and write time using 12 and 24 hour

### Science

In science this term we shall be studying the topic plants and animals. For the plants aspect of the topic we will enjoy a trip to Wakehurst Place where we will look at lots of different types of plants. We will be investigating what plants need to grow and if that is exactly the same for all types of plants. We will be looking at how water is

transported around plants and we will be exploring the plant life cycle. Within the topic animals, including humans we will identify the different parts of a human body, how joints work, our muscles and how they work, and how skeletons are used for protection, support and movement. We will also be linking to our PE as we continue to consider the different ways and types of muscles we use during exercise.

### **Computing**

In computing this term we will continue to reinforce our key computer skills by developing our use of different programs such as word and power point. We will continue to look at and consider the importance of e-safety. We will learn how we can communicate safely on the internet by sending and receiving emails via the 2Simple programme. We will use Scratch and Kodu to develop our skills as programmers allowing us to create a rainforest scene where animals move around. In addition, we will be combining computing with maths by collecting data and then presenting it in different ways using computer programmes.

### **Geography and History**

Our learning journey for this term is Rainforest Explorers where we will discover more about the Rainforest and the Mayans. We will be investigating who the Mayans were; how they lived and the achievement of the Mayans. We will also be looking at the discovery and production of chocolate and how this linked with the Mayans. In the Geography part of our topic we will be locating South America, the countries it contains and the Amazon rainforest on maps and using atlases. We will be considering the main physical features of the Amazon rainforest and comparing these to the Ashdown forest. We will think about how South America has changed and use aerial photographs to make a comparison between South America and the UK.

### **Physical Education (PE)**

Throughout the term we will have swimming lessons at Freedom Leisure near Uckfield College on a Tuesday morning. We will learn a variety of different swimming strokes, lifesaving skills and swimming games to improve our ability.

In PE, the class will also be developing our throwing, batting and catching skills within the games of stoolball and rounders. In addition, we will be developing speed and stamina as part of our athletics lessons.

### **Music**

We shall be looking at the 'Bringing us back together' unit and some other different genres of music from the Charanga scheme of work. These units of work cover a range

of styles and genres and musically draw together listening/appraising, composing/improvising and performing skills.

### **Spanish**

In Spanish, the class will continue to reinforce the speaking and listening already developed so far this year. They will learn the names for different family members and linking with science learning how to name body parts and different animals. We will begin to write some short sentences in Spanish about our families. We will also be looking culturally at where Spanish is spoken throughout the world.

### **Art and Design Technology**

In art, the children will be looking at some of the work of Mario Gonzalez Chavajay. They will use his work to develop their knowledge of colour and make their own colour wheels. They will look at how Gonzalez Chavajay creates texture and tone when painting the rainforest and make their own nature painting in his style. We will then look at the work of Jeannie Baker and how she creates texture using collage. The children will evaluate her style and work before making their own collage nature picture.

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a Mayan mask.

### **Religious Education (R.E)**

Topics to be covered this term include energy, choices, special places and other faiths - Islam.

You will receive a separate R.E. information pack giving details of these schemes of work.

### **Homework**

In line with the current school homework policy this will be set every Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday.

We do hope that this pack proves useful to you, if you would like any further information about topics we are covering in school, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Many thanks,

Miss Nolan, Mrs Joyce and Mrs Miller

The Year 3 Team