



Commonswood Nursery and Primary School

Spring Term in Year 3

Dates to remember

31.01.24: Year 3 assembly to parents 2:15pm

12.02.24: Science workshop on Light 1:00pm—3:00pm

13.02.24: Learning Review Meeting 3:30pm-6:00pm

15.02.24: Learning Review Meeting 3:30pm-6:00pm

Half Term: 19.02.24 - 23.02.24

27.02.24: Parent Book Look 3:10pm—4:00pm

07.03.24: World Book Day—Pyjama Day

School closes for Easter: 28.03.24 12:30pm

E-Safety Theme: January - Self Image and Identity
February - Managing Online Information
March - Privacy and Security

Emotions of the term: Happiness and Sadness

English

Our first English topic is non-chronological reports. We will be creating a non-chronological report on the River Nile or pharaohs.

We will then learn about explanation texts linked to other areas of our learning.

After half term, we will be looking at traditional tales, starting with the 'True Story of the Three Little Pigs'.

Then we will be arguing for and against different topics and writing a discussion piece.



3 O'Clock Book: The Twits

Maths

We have started learning about angles and lines, including obtuse, acute and right angles, perpendicular and parallel lines.

We will be learning shape and how to calculate the perimeter of shapes.

We will be learning strategies to help us learn multiplication and division facts. Our main focus in Year 3 is learning the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.

Also, we will be using word problems to work out and solve multiplication and division problems.



Science

This half term we are looking at light. We will be investigating reflective surfaces and how we can use them in our daily lives. We will also be looking at safety around light, keeping safe in the dark.

We will be learning about how shadows are formed and observing changes to shadows throughout the day.

After half term, we will be looking at skeletons and muscles in animals and humans. We will be learning about invertebrates and vertebrates and how muscles helps us to move.

At the end of the term, we will be leaning about nutrition and how to keep us healthy.



P.E.

In PE this term we are doing Gymnastics. We will be practising different rolls (straight, forward and barrel), balancing (point and patch) and jumps with control. We will also be incorporating the apparatus into our lessons.



Music

In Music, after half term, we will use basic notation to help us learn to play the Recorder. Our theme will be animal songs.



PSHE

Our first PSHE topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit we will look at examples of people who have overcome challenges to achieve success and discuss what we can learn from these stories. We look at our own dreams and ambitions and discuss how it will feel when we achieve them.

After half term, we study 'Healthy Me'. We will look at the importance of exercise and how it helps our body to stay healthy. We will talk about different types of drugs, the ones you take to make you better as well as other drugs. We will think about things, places and people that are dangerous and link this to strategies for keeping ourselves safe.



History

This term we are continuing to learn about the 'Ancient Egyptians'.

We will be learning about the daily lives of Egyptians. We will learn about the importance of the River Nile. We will discover why and how the pyramids were built.

We will learn the process of mummification and the importance of the afterlife. We will learn about the importance of gods to Ancient Egyptians and why they worshipped them.

Finally, we will look at Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb.



French

Our theme in French is 'All About Me' - we will learn to say, read and sing body parts. This also links with key actions and instructions.

We will also learn types of transport.



Computing

We will be learning about coding and databases. We will use Scratch and learn how to code on this, specifically learning about inputs and outputs. We will learn how to present information on a databases in a variety of ways.



R.E

We will be focusing on the religion 'Christianity'. We will be looking specifically at parables in the Bible, such as the Almond Trees, the Lost Coin, the Mustard Seed and the Divided Kingdom. We will also be looking at the Easter Story.



Forest School

We will be using the outdoor space throughout the curriculum. We will have a Forest School day after half term.



Geography

We will be naming and locating the countries of the United Kingdom and the differences between the United Kingdom and Great Britain.

We will be learning about the seas and rivers in the United Kingdom.

We will be identifying physical and human features in the United Kingdom. We will then focus on Welwyn Garden City's physical and human features and compare these to another part of England.



We will then learn about the counties in England.

Reminders:

- Reading—children must read with an adult at least 5 times a week. Please record this in their reading record book
- Times Tables—we do times tables tests on a Friday, which include multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please practice on Times Tables Rockstars every week.
- Spellings—we set them on a Friday and test them on a Tuesday.
- Home Learning Task: we set on a Friday and hand in on Tuesday. The subjects will be English, Maths and Science.
- PE—please bring in PE kits on a Monday, and take them home on Friday.