



Commonswood Nursery and Primary School

Summer Term in Year 3

Dates to remember

23.04.24: RE Day

06.05.24: Bank Holiday (school closed)

24.05.24: INSET Day (school closed)

Half Term: 27.05.24 - 31.05.24

03.06.24—14.06.24: Year 3 swimming for 2 weeks (AM)

25.06.24: KS2 Sport's Day 1:30pm

W.C 17.06.24: WOW writing week

11.07.24: Transfer Day

13.07.24: Summer Fair 12pm-3pm

17.07.24: Whole School Book look 3:10pm—4pm

School closes for Summer 23.07.24 12:30pm

E-Safety Theme: April—Copyright and ownership

May—Self image and identity

June—Health, well-being and lifestyle

July—Online Bullying

Emotions of the term: Surprise and Fear

English

In English, we will begin writing persuasive letters to our local council, to explain the damaging impact of single-use plastic and how we can help to stop the use. We are using the book 'Stella and the Seagull' to help write our persuasive letters.

After persuasion, we will be learning about newspaper reports and create our own based on the events in the picture book 'Tuesday'.

Then, after half-term, we will be reading the 'Bear and the Piano'. We will write a narrative diary entry, based on the events in the book.

We will finish English this year looking at poetry. We will learn about rhyme, different types of poems and their structures.



For our 'WOW' writing week, Year 3 will create some instruction writing based on the event in school.

Maths

We will continue learning about fractions, specifically how to order and compare fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.

Then we will learn formal methods to solve multiplication problems. Next, we will look at division by looking at problem-solving and learning long division.

We will also learn how to tell the time on a digital and analogue clock, and duration of time.

Then, we will move onto learning about decimals and linking these to fractions.

We will finish the year by learning about measurement problems and 3D shapes.



Science

In science we are learning about plants. We will be looking at the different parts of the plant including the male and female parts to then learn about pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

We will be investigating what plants need for survival, such as air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow.

We will also be learning about how water is transported around the plant.

We will be setting up an investigation to learn more about this process.

We will also be researching how different plants adapt to their different environments in order to survive.



P.E.

In PE, we will be learning the skills and teamwork for Hockey, Cricket and Tag Rugby.

Straight after half term, we also have 2 weeks of swimming every morning.



Music

In Music, this half term, the theme is Reggae—we will listen to examples and learn the song 'Three Little Birds,' by Bob Marley. We will then learn about the history of the orchestra through listening to 'The Carnival of the Animals.'



PSHE

In PSHE the topic this term is 'Relationships'. We will be looking at family roles and responsibilities and how stereotypes can influence this.

We will also be exploring friendship and how to resolve conflicts as well as what makes a good friendship.

We will also be looking at relationships online and how to keep ourselves safe online.

We will be looking at others around the world and the similarities and differences. Also understanding the needs and rights of children around the world.



Art

In Art this term, we will be exploring Batik. Batik is an art and craft technique, using wax (we will use crayons) and paint to create designs and patterns.

We will explore what batik is, where batik is used, different batik designs, how batik is used, and how to create a batik.

Once we have tested a few techniques and designs we will create our final design, explore the effects of wax and paint on paper, and test it out, before creating our final piece and evaluating.



French

Our theme in French is 'In the classroom'- we will learn to say and read objects in a pencil case and the class. This also links with instructions such as "Now find a pencil", "Please close the door."



DT

Our DT topic is levers and linkages. Our final product will be an object with one or two moving parts (e.g. a dragon with a moving tail). We will research different levers and linkages and test them out. We will design our object and test it out on paper. We will make any changes to our design, then make our final product using card. After making our final product we will evaluate the effectiveness of the levers and linkages.

R.E

In RE, we will be looking at key themes such as wisdom and how different religions apply wisdom to their every day lives. We will be exploring how Christians use the Bible and how Muslims use the Qur'an to inform their lives and how this helps them be part of a community



Forest School

We will be using the outdoor space throughout the curriculum.

We will have a Forest School day after half term, where we will learn new Forest School skills.



Geography

We are continuing to learn about the UK,, and will be moving onto to look at specific areas of the UK. We have learnt about the different countries of the UK, key cities of the UK and rivers, seas, mountains and hills of the UK. We will start the term by creating a poster on a computer of a UK country.

We will learn about the counties and regions of the UK and discover our county and region. Then, we will look at human and physical features of Welwyn Garden City and compare these to a coastal city, to discover similarities and differences between cities and towns. The coastal city we are comparing is Brighton.



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.