

# Summer 2022 – Curriculum News

April 2022

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to another busy term at Abbots Green.

Over this term, the children in Year 3 will continue to learn lots of new and exciting information, including how different Ancient civilisations lived. In Science our areas of study are 'Light' and 'Plants'. Some of the things we will investigate are how shadows are formed and all about how plants grow and thrive. OS maps will be the focus for our Geography lessons and we will explore the area in and around our school. In RE, our focus will be Hinduism and the importance of Brahman. Our designing and making skills will be used to create a seasonal vegetable tart. In Art, we will be using sculptural techniques to create 3D models, as well as producing collages. During our computing lessons, we will focus on data handling. In PE our Dance unit is 'Machines' and for outdoor PE we will practise 'Athletics skills'. The children will continue to learn French phrases and enjoy music lessons with Mr Cole.

## Year 3 staff

**Miss Chapman**

Japan Class

**Mrs Sadler** (Mon-Thurs)

**Mrs Hyden** (Fri)

Kenya Class

**Mrs Hyden &  
Mrs Cunningham**  
Learning Support Assistants

**Mrs Cragg**

PPA Cover



## English

The children will be exploring lots of different genres within English. These will include; formal letters, adventure stories, character descriptions, poetry linked to emotions and a non-chronological report based on Scientific knowledge about plants.



## Mathematics

This term we will continue to learn about fractions. We will be ordering, adding and subtracting fractions. The children will also be learning to tell the time to 5 minute intervals. Measuring mass and capacity and solving problems involving these will end the year!

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to be able to speedily recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Please continue to use Times Tables Rock stars to practise.

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

Children are required to have a **water bottle** in school with them every day

All **school uniform** should be clearly **named**

Your child brings a **healthy snack** – **only fruit or vegetables**



## Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to change their books. Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home. The expectation is that they read **3 times per week** (signed by an adult). The class texts will be 'The Girl who stole an Elephant' and 'The Magician's Nephew'.



## PE

PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on those days. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



## Home learning

This will be a weekly piece of vocabulary homework AND a maths OR English task on Showbie, related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on Fridays and due on Wednesdays. If this work is not completed the children will now be expected to do this during their break time.

Children will also have weekly spellings to learn on 'Spelling shed' related to the spelling rule/pattern being taught; recorded in reading logs and tested on Fridays.

Write a letter to a family member explaining something you've learnt.

Choose a character from a book you've read and create a food treat for them to enjoy.

Create a piece of art representing what Summer means to you.

Find out something new about Bury St Edmunds.

Find out which types of flowers are in your garden.

Debate if children should wear school uniform.

Show off your filming skills and make a short video about the area in which you live.

## Recommended Read

The Unlikely Time Traveller by  
Janice Mackay



This adventure story explores the future. How will it be?