

Les Landes School

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Year 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and have had some time to rest and recover! The children worked so hard last term and I hope they are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Starting back this week, we have talked about the need to settle back to our routine and build on where they are to prepare them for Year 4!

English

In English we shall be reading 'The Iron Man'. We will also be reading books linked to our Rainforest topic, especially those with an environmental theme. We will also be learning to write recounts, instructions and formal letters linked to these texts.

There will continue to be a grammar and spelling focus throughout the week and **spelling words will be sent home weekly on a Tuesday**. The children must **practise these nightly** to give them the best chance of recalling the learnt patterns for the spelling test the following **Tuesday**. This term we will learn to use adverbial phrases and will continue to focus on developing more complex sentence structures.

Maths

In Number, we will focus once again on fractions. The children will work on finding fractions of shapes and amounts and understanding the link between this and multiplication and division. We will continue to practice times tables daily, but the children must practise at home – either using their red books, or times tables rock stars. **They should know with confidence x 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 by the end of Year 3** and be able to give the corresponding division facts. We will continue counting on and back over the 100s barrier. This term we will also consolidate previous learning about telling the time. You can really help your child at home by making them confident at telling the analogue and digital time and understanding the 24-hour clock. They also need to be able to work out the duration of time passed, i.e., from ten past three, how long is it until twenty-five past four? We will also look at money, allowing the children practical opportunities to give and receive change as well as adding and subtracting amounts of money. Allowing children to use 'change' when shopping and adding and subtracting the values of items when shopping will help your child consolidate this knowledge.

Computing

This term in Computing, we will be using Scratch to learn simple coding. The children will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences. After half-term we will continue programming skills, allowing the children to explore movement within the context of a maze, designing a programme to move through the maze effectively. They will be able to create a simple programme to draw lines and change the size and colour of the lines. By the end of the unit, they will be designing and coding their own maze-tracing programme.

Other Subjects

This term we will look at Stuart History and the English Civil war. We will look at how Charles II came to the Island and the significance of the Royal Mace to Jersey and learn about the

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role of Elizabeth Castle in the war, and as a castle in the past and today. We will have a trip to the castle and to the States Chamber to view the Royal Mace. We will then move on to some Geography, learning about rainforests, focusing on the Amazon rainforest. We will look at where rainforests are located, their importance and their role as habitats. In Science, we will continue learning more about the human body, our skeleton and muscles and the importance of a healthy diet.

Our **PE** days for this term will continue to be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Art and Design Technology will continue to be taught in 'blocked days', allowing us to have an extended period of time to complete these projects. Our Art this term will be focussed on creating robots made from junk modelling as well as the children using a range of media to create artworks linked to the rainforests and Elizabeth castle. For our Design Technology project this term the children will be making monsters using pneumatics!

To help with our junk modelling, could I please ask you to save any cardboard tubes/egg boxes you might have and bring them into school. These could be the insides rolls from wrapping paper, tin foil, cling film, Sellotape etc. Many thanks in advance!

Homework

We expect children to **read to an adult for at least 15 minutes each night**.

It is really important you child still does read aloud to you (at times) to help develop their reading fluency and also for them to hear you read stories aloud to them. This can be their school library book or a book of their choice. Please sign that you child has read nightly. To further emphasise to the children the importance of daily reading, **I will continue to check reading diaries each week and will award children with gems and pebbles for excellent effort with reading**. The children will also have a guided reading book each week which is changed on a **Friday**.

When hearing your child read, remember fluency and decoding is only a part of reading. They are learning to try to clarify the meaning of new /unfamiliar words, summarise what they have read, infer things they can understand but that aren't directly said, and to answer questions about the text and the way it is written by the author. You can help by talking to them about their reading and checking their understanding. i.e. Why do you think did that? How do you know.... feels like that? What word tells you is unhappy? What is the theme in this story?

Nightly Reading– 15 mins- We do appreciate and count on your support with this.

Spellings – Given out Tuesday – test the following Tuesday.

Additional Information

This term, we will have trips to Elizabeth Castle and Mont Orgueil Castle and The Eric Young Orchid Foundation.

I hope you have found the above information useful. Please do not hesitate to come and see me or send an email (s.turner@leslandes.sch.je) if you have any queries or questions throughout the term, or if you have information concerning your child that you need to pass on.

I can't believe this is already the final term of Year 3, but there is lots to look forward to so expect another very busy term!

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Turner