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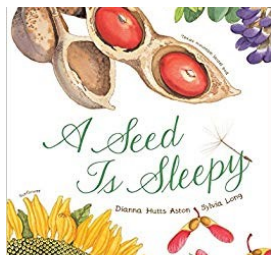
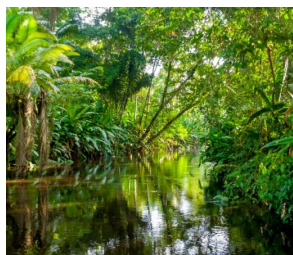
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## Class newsletter Spring Term 2019

### Year 3

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Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term is Ecology and Sustainability. In year 3, we will be learning about how seeds and communities grow.

We will be exploring a variety of different topics including;

- Biodiversity, the importance of maintaining a variety of plants and animals on earth including the important part bees play in the ecosystem.
- The effect that rising temperatures is and will have on the world around us.
- The challenges our climate faces and the issues that effect all living organisms.
- How plants grow and develop new species.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED).

This term we will learn to:

- To understand the responsibilities different individuals have towards the environment.
- Places and people that take care of our communities.
- Charities and how we can play a part in giving back to our local community.

### English

**Reading:** We will discuss the books that we have read. We will summarise key points, explore language and vocabulary, ask questions and make predictions.

**Writing:** We will develop our knowledge of the features of different styles of writing and write to inform, to persuade and to entertain.

**Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:** We will be focusing on : punctuation and word classes in a sentence and what they mean to our writing. Handwriting will be a big focus this half term and we will review spellings weekly.

### Mathematics

**Number:** We will focus on our understanding of number and the number system, comparing related number facts and using our knowledge of multiplication and division to tackle 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. We will focus closely on reasoning and apply our knowledge of mathematical vocabulary to word problems.

**Shape, Space and Measure:** We will focus further on data and statistics (linking closely to our topic) and solve problems involving money and measurement as we begin to cover perimeter and length.

## Topic:

This term our curriculum topic is Ecology and Sustainability



In Year 3 we will research information for learning questions such as:

- What is ecology and sustainability?
- Why do we have different types of plants and animals on earth?
- How have rising temperatures affected our world?
- Why do bees matter?
- What does the earth think of us?
- How do we know the climate is changing?
- We will investigate the many properties of plants and what they need to grow. We will plan and conduct experiments, recording relevant data and building our scientific vocabulary.

## Religious Education (RE)

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of religious beliefs and customs. We will be exploring Judaism, identifying the beliefs, values and stories of this religion. We will explore how this religion and those who practice it benefit our community.

## Geography

Geography is a curriculum focus for us this term, building up our knowledge of different geographical zones and how to identify them in the world. We will be learning about the biomes of different continents and how climate change and deforestation is affecting them.



## Creative Development

This term we will be focusing on using a variety of materials to design and create models inspired by our topic. We will be using our design technology skills and recycled materials to create bug hotels. We will be working on our different skills of observational drawing from still life's of botanical plants.

## Reminders

### P.E.



Children have P.E. lessons on **Monday**. Please ensure your child brings appropriate change of kit that includes a white t-shirt, black shorts or trousers and comfortable footwear.

### Homework

Homework will be given out each **Friday** and homework books are to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. This term the homework will be related to the class topic, focussing on writing and presentation as well as developing times tables knowledge.

**Please ensure your child returns their book each week with all homework completed and presented clearly.**



### Reading

It is important your child continues to read every day at home for at least 10 minutes. Please make time to listen to your child read and ask questions about their current book.

### Times Tables

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables: by the end of Year 3 they need to know their **3, 4 and 8 times** tables off by heart as well as the 2,5 and 10 times table they learnt in Year 2.



### Punctuality

It is important that your child is punctual and arrives at school for 8.55am. This to ensure your child has the best possible start to their learning each day and they are focused on making progress and achieving.

### Collection Arrangements

At the end of the day, **please wait** for your child to be dismissed by myself or other Year 3 adult. This will enable us to keep the children safe and know which children have been collected and by whom.

### Class News

Miss Hatfield will be out of class on a **Monday** for planning, preparation and assessment and the school's NQT programme.

**We look forward to working with you this academic year and thank you in advance for your continued support.**