

# Summer 2024 – Curriculum News

April 2024

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to another busy term at Abbots Green. Over this term, the children in Year 3 will continue to have lots of new and exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. This will include looking at the Ancient Civilisations of Sumer and the Indus Valley in History. We will compare life in these civilisations to the Ancient Egyptians. In Geography, we will enhance our knowledge of the UK. Our first Science area of study will be 'Light'-including whether we need light to see, shadow formation and investigating the size of shadows. After half term, we will move on to learning about plants. In Art, we will be developing our painting skills including exploring various materials and artforms as well as learning different painting techniques. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Relationships', which explores how we form and maintain positive relationships. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In RE, our focus will be on learning about the Hindu god, Brahman, and how he can be in everything and everywhere. In computing, we will be developing our internet safety knowledge alongside our programming skills. Our design technology skills will once again be put to the test as we learn about bridges and even attempt to build our own! The children will continue developing their French language skills and in Music the children will continue to practise the recorder.

## Year 3 staff

**Mrs Brill**

Japan Class

**Mrs Hines**

Kenya Class

**Mrs Bruce** (Mon-Tues)

**Mrs Worley** (Wed - Fri)

Israel Class

**Mrs Hyden**

Learning Support Assistant

**Mrs Cragg,  
Mr Newson & Mrs**

**Jones**

PPA Cover

May we take this opportunity to kindly remind parents:

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

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

Your child may bring a **healthy snack – only fruit or vegetables** (unlike year 2, no snack is provided).



## English

Following a surprise strike from our chairs over Easter, the children will learn how to write formal letters to persuade the chairs to stay in the classroom. They will also further develop their extended writing skills as they plan and write a 3<sup>rd</sup> person narrative focusing on including concise and effective dialogue using speech punctuation.



## Mathematics

This term we will continue to learn about fractions adding and subtracting them. The children will also be learning to tell the time, using money, learning about 2D and 3D shapes and interpreting pictograms and bar charts.

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.



## Reading

We continue to expect children to have **at least 3 separate reading opportunities signed and logged in their records by an adult**. We also continue to encourage children to read independently and much more frequently than this, from a wide variety of sources whether this be their Ready Reader books, a text from home, menus and signage when out and about or a local newsletter. Reading champions will continue to count reading logs each week with a chance of winning the reading cup. The class texts will be The Dancing Bear and the Magician's Nephew.



## PE

PE is still on Monday and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on those days. This should be a white t-shirt or the new school PE top and plain dark coloured shorts/skorts/ joggers. They do not need to change during the day. Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons.



## Rainbow Challenges

Write a letter to a family member.

Create a food treat for your favourite character.

Create a piece of art representing Summer.

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.

Make a short video about the area in which you live.

## Recommended Read



The Super Happy Magic Forest series by author/illustrator Matty Long following February's workshop.



## Home learning

Your child will continue to be given a maths OR English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Thursday. Children will learn a new spelling concept each fortnight. Games will remain on spelling shed and a copy of the words available on Showbie to aid home learning. Spelling tests will take place every Friday to assess children's knowledge of these concepts. May we also remind children that they should be playing regularly on TT Rockstars.