



# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Welcome back – I hope you all feel rested and refreshed after the Easter break. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting learning and activities planned for the final months of the year.

### **Topics**

Our first topic of the term is 'Plants & Parks'. In this, we'll focus on the great outdoors, learning lots about plants in Science, National Parks in Geography, and taking advantage of the improving weather to enjoy some active experiences outside of the classroom in other subjects as well. After half term, our topic is 'Food Journeys & Fairtrade', where we'll start to think about the food we eat, both in terms of the nutrition it provides for our bodies and also where it comes from.

### **P.E.**

Our PE lessons this term will be held on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, though it's useful for children to have their kit in throughout the week for any ad-hoc sporting activities as well. We will endeavour to send PE kits home on a Friday – please do give these a wash over the weekend if possible.

### **Reading**

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include school reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We will begin to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Reading comment books will continue to be used to record reading progress – we really appreciate your continued effort here. Please encourage your child to put their reading comments book and reading book back in their book bags each night so that they are available during the school day.

### **Home learning**

A home learning task will continue to be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Wednesday and due in again the following Monday. Additional copies of the home learning, if required, are left in folders in the classroom. Occasionally you may wish to add a comment on to your child's home learning if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will also be given out and tested every Wednesday. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

### **Year 3 Diary Dates**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – TT Rockstars Day (whole school).

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day (whole school). Details to follow.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Morning.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school summer production of Aladdin. Details to follow.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of the academic year.

I know that this is going to be another exciting term and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Rattray, Mrs Taylor and I are really looking forward to making sure this is a brilliant end to the year for the class. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to see me after school, or arrange a more formal appointment via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mr. Donald Vass  
Y3 Class Teacher