



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 3 -Summer Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all enjoyed a good Easter break. It is wonderful to have the children back. They have already been working hard and have settled back into school life well. We are looking forward to our new learning challenge 'Roots & Shoots' and seeing the children enjoy the outdoor spring weather.

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform. We would hope that the weather begins to improve, so please if it is a nice day remember a sun hat. As you know, weather in this country is unpredictable, so we ask that you ensure your child has a coat/ jacket in school when it is cold. Please make sure that all uniform, PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost property. We are very much encouraging the children to remember their belongings, so if you could remind them of this too, that would be great.

Learning Challenge

This half term the children will be studying plants. Our Learning challenge 'Roots & Shoots' is a science -based topic that explores the function of different parts of flowering plants. We will explore the way in which water is transported within plants and the part the flower plays in the lifecycle of plants. We will be ending our topic with a school trip to the Living Rainforest.

Homework & Reading Logs

This term we continue to ask that you practise your child's spellings at home to support them with the test. The weekly spelling test will be on a Friday and so will homework hand in. The children will continue to be expected to read at least 3 times a week at home and will receive a new homework grid to complete one activity from each week.

Snacks

The school tuck shop will remain open; we would like to remind you all that it is important for the children to have a little something healthy at break time as well as a good breakfast before coming to school. This can help keep them focused and last until lunchtime.

P.E.

This half-term, the children will have PE on a Monday afternoon. The focus for these sessions will be **tennis and athletics** Please ensure your child had appropriate gym wear for this day.

Key Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday (no school)
Friday 17th May	School trip - Living Rainforest

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale and Miss Ralph

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 3	Summer 1 Topic - Roots and Shoots
Subject	Areas Covered
English	<p>Writing Layers of the rainforest – non chronological report Rosa Park – Biography The tin forest – Independent, narrative story</p> <p>Guided Reading Peculiar plants (Fiction) – focusing on reading fluently and using inference to make predictions. The Great Kapok Tree (Non Fiction) - reading fluently Seeds and Weeds (Non Fiction) –using different features of the text to locate information. The boy who grew dragons (Non Fiction) -selecting and retrieving information. Rainforest Calling (Non Fiction) comprehension and summarising the key points.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Multiplication and Division- representing the 3, 4 and 8 timestables using bar models and number lines. Addition and subtraction with statistics and measure- placing numbers on a numberline and presenting and interpreting data. Geometry- Different types of lines and 3D shapes. Addition and subtraction- Beginning to use the column method to add and subtract numbers up to 1000.</p>
Science	<p>Plants Growing my own rainforest. Soil & germination Parts of a plant Seed dispersion The life cycle of a plant</p>
Art	<p>Painting with natural materials Experimenting with different materials (properties). Still life drawing – shading.</p>
Computing	<p>Coding: Using different programmes on the iPad such as Alex and scratch. E- safety: Discussing how to stay safe when using the internet.</p>
Music	<p>African Drums Rehearsing and performing, listening and responding, describing and discussing.</p>
Physical Education	<p>Tennis Running in different directions Jumping techniques Stand in the ready position Tap the ball of the racket and to a partner</p> <p>Athletics Moving freely in a space Moving with greater control and coordination To throw in different ways. To use equipment safely.</p>
PSHE: Heartsmart	<p>Fake is a mistake Learning that the real you is the best you Why it is important to tell the truth. Why the real me is the best me. Building friendships based on the truth. Why is it important to keep friends with allergies safe?</p>
RE	<p>Identity (Sikhism) Identity Celebration of Baisakhi The 5 k's of Sikhism</p>
Languages Spanish	<p>Fruit Learning the names of all the fruits in Spanish through different speaking, listening and writing activities/</p>