

## Year 3 Newsletter Summer One

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a great Easter break. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to either your child's class teacher or teaching assistant as our doors are always open and we are here to help.

### LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, pupils are going to be focusing on studying the story 'Journey to the River Sea,' written by Eva Ibbotson. Children will be learning how to really think of their reader and exploring how to 'paint a picture with their words'. We will explore the author's careful use of vocabulary, particularly when describing settings, and think of ways to improve our own writing. Remember, you can help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson.

**Homework** for English will be set weekly in homework books. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. In addition, please encourage your child to read regularly (ideally for 15 minutes each day) and this is to be recorded in their Reading Record which should be brought in to the academy each day. This will then earn them points on their own individual reading chart.

Key vocabulary:

setting	beginning	problem
resolution	ending	vocabulary

### Mathematics

As you are now aware, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the rest of this year:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, all pupils in Year 3 will be learning about fractions and decimals. We will also look at how to read and measure time.

**Homework** for Maths will be set using Mathematics on a weekly basis. If your child requires computer access in school time, please let us know. Timestables will continue to also be a key focus and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

fraction hours minutes seconds

### SCIENCE

This half term Year 3 will be learning all about the functions of different parts of plants and about what they need to survive. We will be completing lots of practical experiments in the woodland area whilst in Forest School. We will also be doing some exciting investigations in the classroom.

Key Vocabulary:

plants functions  
seed formation  
oxygen pollination





# Other Curriculum Areas

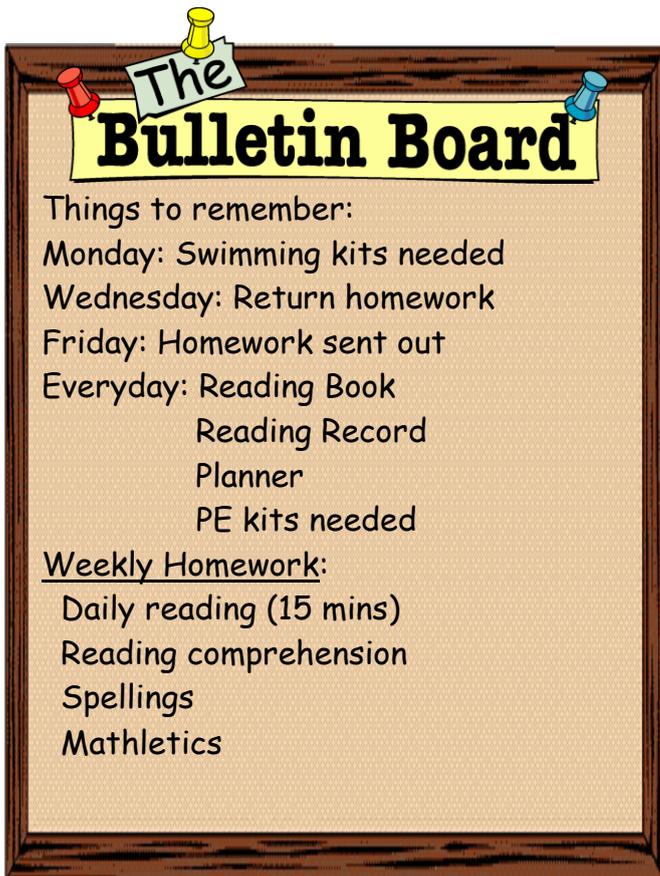
PE - Swimming, Dance

RE - Judaism

PSHE - Honesty, Respect, Healthy Eating, Responsibility

Music - Bringing Us Together - disco

*For other areas of the curriculum, please see our overview on the next page.*



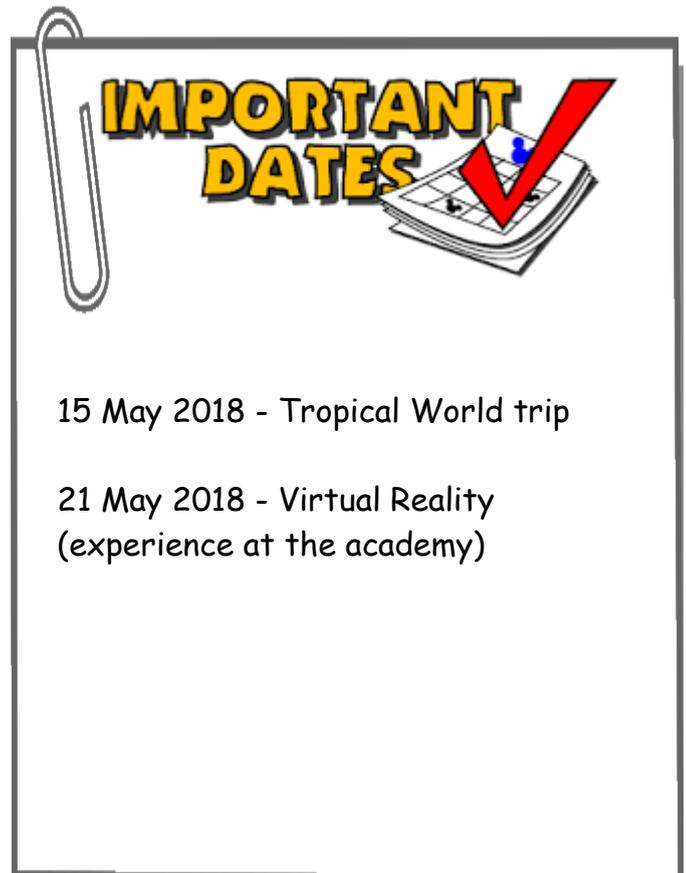
## The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

- Monday: Swimming kits needed
- Wednesday: Return homework
- Friday: Homework sent out
- Everyday: Reading Book
  - Reading Record
  - Planner
  - PE kits needed

Weekly Homework:

- Daily reading (15 mins)
- Reading comprehension
- Spellings
- Mathletics



## IMPORTANT DATES

15 May 2018 - Tropical World trip

21 May 2018 - Virtual Reality  
(experience at the academy)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames/story.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DkXHi-udxg&safe=true>



Let's explore the Tropical Rainforest - what it is like, where it is and about the people and animals who live there.

# Let's go to the Rainforest



## A visit to Tropical World and a VR day

To help the children learn about rainforests we will be taking a trip to Tropical World. Here the children can experience a variety of plants and see animals in their natural habitat.

During the last week of the half term, we will have the opportunity to explore rainforests using Virtual Reality. During this Virtual Reality experience, we will travel through the rainforest, encounter rainforest animals and learn about the problem of deforestation.

## Let's get arty!

We will learn about the work of the artist Kandinsky. Using concentric circles we will experiment with colour and create a piece of work using the shape of a leaf as a canvas.



## What are Tropical Rainforests, where are they and what is it like to live there?

Firstly, we will explore where in the world Tropical Rainforests are and learn about the different layers of vegetation in rainforests. Next, we will find out about the climate in the rainforest, drawing and interpreting graphs about temperature and rainfall. Then, we will explore the lives of the Yanomami tribe and compare their lives to ours. Finally, we will learn about how and why the rainforest is under threat and make leaflets and posters about how rainforests can be protected.

## Science

This half term we will be exploring plants in Forest School. We will find out what happens to plants when their leaves are covered. We will learn about the different parts of plants and their functions by dissecting and labelling them. The children will experiment what plants need to grow and survive. We will explore what attracts insects to land on flowers and investigate how water is transported through the leaves.