



Year Three News

Mayhill Junior School, The Bury, Odiham, RG29 1NB

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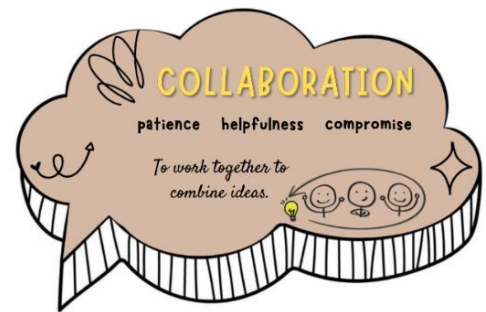
How threatened are our brilliant beaches?



Our Geography unit this half term will focus on beaches around the United Kingdom. The children's own experiences will guide their learning to discover what a brilliant beach would be like for them. Following this, we will use fieldwork to identify the threats on local beaches and identify how they have changed over time through the use of maps.

Mayhill Habit

Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half-term's habit of focus is **COLLABORATION**.



English:

This half term our literacy will be looking at a variety of different texts, both fiction and non-fiction – these texts will support our English learning journey's that are linked to our History topic which will be introduced later in the term. The first of our texts is 'The Conquerors', the purpose of this unit is to persuade, with the children writing a speech to persuade the general public why we want peace and for The General to stop fighting and attacking the small country.

The second text 'You wouldn't want to be a Roman Gladiator' will allow the children to learn all about becoming a gladiator, with them having a chance of going to gladiator school so that are inspired to write their own diary entry of their experiences.

Maths:

Our first maths unit will revisit our work on multiplication and division, and we will learn how to apply our knowledge to help us solve problems. We will continually be practising our focus times tables in weekly sessions to help concrete quick recall of the 10x, 2x, 5x, 4x, 3x and 8x times tables which we need to know by the end of year 3. Our next unit takes us into the world of money, where we will learn the value of coins and how to use them in real-life situations. In this unit, we will also revisit our work on addition and subtraction as we solve 'money problems'. As we reach half term, we will have a look at statistics where we will use diagrams to represent our findings.

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PE/Games:

Each class has PE twice a week, each session lasting an hour. It is really important that they have their kit in school on those days. Please be aware that your child will be asked to borrow kit from the office if they do not have their own. If your child is unable, due to a medical reason, to take part in PE please ensure that a letter is sent in to their class teacher.

Year 3 have their PE lessons on the following days:

- **Monday** – Outdoor: Cricket
- **Tuesday** – Outdoor: Handball

Daily Mile – This will continue to be at the end of lunchtime each day. Here the children will gather together to ensure they are all active and to allow them to start to focus, ready for afternoon lessons to begin.

Music:

This term, we will be taking part in 'Listen to Me', where a visiting Hampshire music teacher will give us the opportunity to explore and play samba music. We will have an hour-long lesson each week where we will be playing different instruments, culminating in a performance for parents at the end of the term.



Computing

This half term we will be looking at Lego WeDo and utilising the kits we have in school to create a range of moving models, each requiring programming through coding. This learning will be reinforced with an additional coding unit through Scratch later in the term.

Homework

Each week your child will have Reading, Times Tables (TTRS) and Spellings to complete at home. Alongside these tasks, each Wednesday a Maths or English activity will be set which is due in the following Monday. Please support your child to complete their homework, where needed.



TTRS



We ask that the children continue with logging into TTRS at least 3 times a week. With regular practice they will soon be more proficient with speed and fluency.

Please note that the children have been learning their 3s, 4s and 8s in class alongside revising the 2s, 5s and 10s.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in or come and speak to us, socially distanced of course, at the end of the school day on the playground.

Kind regards,

Mr Barry, Mrs Ray and the Year 3 Team

Dates for the diary:

January 2024

2nd INSET Day
3rd Children return to school

February 2024

1st/2nd Life Bus
2nd Maths Day
6th Safer Internet Day
8th House Colour Day
9th INSET DAY

12th - 16th HALF TERM