



# Donington on Bain Primary School

*Inspire, Enrich, Achieve*

## Class 3 Summer Term 6 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the exciting learning we have planned to take place this term. Mrs Gough and I are very impressed AGAIN with all the reading that happened at home during the break! We have awarded more milestone prizes this term so thank you for supporting your child to develop a healthy reading habit and love for books. We cannot impress how very important this skill is for your child's development, both academically and personally.

The final term continues our History topic – **Ancient Civilizations**. The next seven weeks will concentrate on the Ancient Sumer Empire and the Ancient Egyptians. Past Productions will be in school on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July to transport the class to Ancient Egypt with another of their engaging workshops. Please feel free to dress up as an Ancient Egyptian!

**English:** We are learning the model text, 'The Canal,' a warning tale which focuses on dialogue and character Description. We will also be consolidating all the grammar, spelling and punctuation work we have learned over the year through explicit teaching and also within the genre of discussion. We will be using cross curricular links to discuss the ancient civilisations as well as themes that are more personal to the children for example, for and against eating chocolate bars for school breaktimes. We will also be exploring a range of poetry from Kate Wakeling's book, 'Moon Juice,' performing, appreciating them and writing our own poems.

**Maths:** In Maths we will be revisiting multiplication, division and fractions. We will then move on to capacity and geometry at the end of the term. Over the weeks, we will be consolidating our learning from the year through recapping activities. The Year 4s sat the multiplication check this week and we would like to thank you for supporting your children to become confident in recalling the multiplication facts to 12 x 12. They have all worked so hard! Please do continue to work on the times tables for further speed, accuracy and understanding. The year 3 children are also making excellent progress in this area too.

**Science:** Electrical Circuits and Conductors - This project teaches children about electrical appliances and safety. They construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. It also teaches children about programmable devices. They combine their learning to design and make a nightlight.

**D&T:** Tomb builders - This project teaches children about simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.

**Music:** Samba and carnival sounds and instruments. Getting a feel for the music and culture of South America, children are introduced to samba and the sights and sounds of the carnival.

**French:** French Food – we will be learning how to make conversation in a French café, how to order food and drink and complete mathematical calculations in French, giving answers in euros. Once the children are proficient – we will enjoy role playing a French café with waiters and customers ordering food in French.

**R.E.:** During the year, we have studied birth ceremonies, marriage commitments and now, we will be taking a sensitive look at what people believe about the afterlife and how this is expressed in funeral practices.



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**PSHE:** Changing Me - In this unit we will discuss how the body changes during puberty and what happens at conception.

### Nature School:

| Class 3 and 4 Nature School Timetable |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| EASTER HOLIDAYS                       |         |
| 27.04.26                              | Class 3 |
| 11.05.26                              | Class 4 |
| 18.05.26                              | Class 4 |
| HALF TERM                             |         |
| 01.06.26                              | Class 4 |
| 08.06.26                              | Class 3 |
| 15.06.26                              | Class 3 |
| 22.06.26                              | Class 3 |
| 29.06.26                              | Class 4 |
| 06.07.26                              | Class 4 |
| 13.07.26                              | Class 4 |
| 20.07.26                              | Class 4 |
| SUMMER HOLIDAYS                       |         |

Please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing for Nature School on the above-mentioned Mondays.

**P.E.** Mr Bent will be teaching Class 3 for P.E. on Tuesday afternoons. This term they will be learning about striking and fielding games related to rounders and cricket.

### Home Learning

Please support your child through the following activities at home:

- **Regular reading at home** – ideally, short daily sessions of ANY BOOKS. Please record the date and sign all reading in the reading record provided. We run an incentive to encourage regular reading at home: every 50 days of reading will result in a prize. Please ensure reading records and books are in school every day.
- **Regular spelling practice** – lists will be set weekly and an Ed Shed login will provide children with interactive spelling games. Spelling tests will not be held, but regular informal assessments of your child's spelling of the Common Exception Words will be carried out. In addition, three Y3/4 spelling words are added to the back of the reading diaries every week to practise little and often.
- **Regular times tables practice** – short, frequent sessions using TTRS or other methods.
- **An optional long-term homework project** will also be set periodically. Children can choose to complete this and bring it to school towards the end of the term.
- **Show and Tell** – Out of school achievements are very welcome and are celebrated on a **Friday morning in class**. Feel free to send in photos/videos via email.

### Homework Project Term 6:

Can you design your own invention that can help people in daily life using your science knowledge of electrical circuits and technology learning about pulleys, wheel and levers? If you are feeling particularly inventive, you may even create a small prototype! Projects are due in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Kind regards  
Mrs Bollan and Mrs Gough