



**April 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you all managed to have a relaxing break.

In this half term our focus will be:

**Maths** – We will finish our unit on measuring length in the next couple of weeks before moving onto our next unit on **fractions**. The children are expected to be able to recognise and find tenths of numbers and quantities. We will be looking at equivalent fractions with small denominators and comparing and ordering fractions. See the Weekly Overview for more detail as we work through the unit.

**English** – We start the half term with a poetry unit using the text ‘Werewolf club rules’ by Joseph Coelho. We will be looking at some chosen poems; discussing and performing them, adding lines and writing some of our own verses and poems inspired by them. After that we have a unit of work using the text ‘The pebble in my pocket, a history of our Earth’ by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady. Within this unit the children will be reading for knowledge, learning to summarise key parts of text, using more formal language and noting the difference between narrative and non-fiction writing. (This book has great examples of both)

**History** – Our new topic is Ancient Greece. Within this unit the children will be finding out about democracy, the Peloponnesian Wars, looking at Greek architecture and information about Greek theatre and literature.

**Geography** – Volcanoes. Within this topic we will be learning about the different layers of the Earth, how volcanoes are formed, different types of volcanoes and why and how people choose to study them.

**Science** – Forces and magnets is our next topic. Within this topic we will be learning about contact and non-contact forces such as pushes and pulls and gravity. We will also be exploring which materials and metals are magnetic and how magnets can be used.

You can find out more about the other wider curriculum areas on our weekly overview each week.

### **Trip**

We are hoping to organise another trip for this term, we will let you know about this as soon as possible.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Coleridge Fun Run

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fair

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Sports Day

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – School reports given to parents/carers

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Parents evening (in-person)

We are looking forward to a busy and happy half term. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team