

# Year 3 Learning Letter (Summer 1)

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Believe in world of possibilities

## Year 3's Learning News

Welcome back and we hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break. We cannot believe that it is already the summer term; the time has flown and we are really looking forward to an exciting term of learning. Hopefully this term we will be using the school's amazing outdoor spaces as an important resource for lessons...weather permitting. **The Community Environment Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** will be a great opportunity for everybody connected with the school to come and help transform our grounds. We really hope that you can spend some time at school that day and see just what massive potential we have. Last year's was a great success and we look forward to doing it all again!!

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April - 1P assembly
- ◆ KS2 (Year 6) SATs assessments (8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May)
- ◆ Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May Y1 cake stall - end of the day
- ◆ Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May - 3C assembly
- ◆ Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 Parents Open afternoon
- ◆ Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - 1K assembly
- ◆ Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - last day of the half term

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- ◆ Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June - back to school for summer 2
- ◆ Wk bg Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June - Whole school topic week - details to follow soon
- ◆ Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June - 3R assembly
- ◆ Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June EYFS cake stall - end of the day
- ◆ Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June - SPORTS DAY (details to follow)
- ◆ Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS assembly

### What we will be learning...with top learning tips

**Reading...** In Guided Reading we will continue to improve our comprehension skills by focusing on a range of texts including myths and legends, poems and non – fiction.

**Learning Top Tip** – Encourage your children to read a range of texts e.g. menus, leaflets, instructions etc. Build vocabulary by looking up new words in a dictionary and try to use them in a different sentence.

**Maths...** We will be reinforcing and extending our number skills with emphasis on the bar method. We will focus on problem solving and using our reasoning skills along with our calculation methods. Please continue to practise your times tables, children are given weekly opportunities to get their net star.

**Learning Top Tip** – Playing dice games and card games improves number fluency a fun and exciting way!

**GRAMMAR** - Children need to know and be able to apply in their writing and reading: **prepositions, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant letter vowel, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')**

**Learning Top Tip** – Write a word down and check to see if it 'looks' correct. If not try a different phoneme.

## What we will be learning...



*Year 3 had a great time at the Dance Festival*

**Science**- Our topic this half term is light and dark, studying sources of light, light reflection, shadows etc.

**DT** – We are going to design, build and hopefully(!) fly our own kites

**Music**- We will be looking at percussion studying rhythm, tempo and beat. We will also be singing throughout the term.

**PE** –Gym for indoor and netball for outdoor.

**Jigsaw (PSHCE)** – Our topic this term is ‘Relationships’.

**French** – We will continue to build our vocabulary, asking questions and answering them.

**The first week after the May half term break will be our annual WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC WEEK...this year our focus is the world!**

We will be learning about different countries, food, art, music, dance, culture...

We will be exploring what our BPS mission statement really means to us - *'Believing in a world of possibilities...'*

We will also be finding out more about British Values as part of our exploration.

More details to follow soon!



Everyone Welcome!  
Free refreshments!

## 6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

### Responsibility

This half term we will be focusing on **responsibility**. The children will be encouraged use their initiative in all areas of their school life in order to make responsible choices. For example, keeping the classroom tidy without the need to be asked in order for the learning to take place in a safe and clean environment.

"Have I just used my initiative?" asked Olive (3C) when reminding Mrs Taylor that the reading records needed to be given out at the end of the day.

## Home Learning ideas...

This half term we are learning about light and dark. Have you noticed any times when you are in total darkness without any light at all? Where has the light come from, what is its source? Look around you when you are at home and outside and think where the sources of light are.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

## School Council News and Views

This term we are looking forward to spending some of our time on the field in the sunny weather. Mr Gale has been hard at work and created the most amazing bowling alley along the long playground. We are already enjoying this new addition to our playground. We have 2 main events coming up: the Community Environment Day and the Summer Fair. Come along to the Environment Day to help us improve our school grounds by helping with: weeding; litter picking; digging and lining a pond. There are free beverages and snacks provided throughout the day. The Summer Fair is a yearly event that happens at BPS. It is a great chance to help raise money for the school. There will be games, a raffle and refreshments. We hope that you participate in these events.