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Year 3's Learning News

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. We can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the year with your children and are looking forward to a busy and fun final half term. We have already started with our fantastic curriculum week. This has been a real highlight in the past and this year is no different. The children are enjoying learning about Songkran and creating a beautiful wall display which they have all been involved in. Hopefully you were able to join us for our World Fest Café last Friday to enjoy their Thai fruit salads and see the new displays. Do look out for other opportunities throughout this final term to come and share and celebrate the learning in year 3.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Class photos 14th June
- ◆ Fri 16th June - 3R assembly
- ◆ Fri 16th June EYFS cake stall - end of the day
- ◆ Thurs 13th July - Year 3's outdoor performance about Bridport's Market Charter
- ◆ Friday 23rd June - BPS Summer Fete (6-8pm)
- ◆ Tues 27th June - SPORTS DAY (details to follow)
- ◆ Thurs 29th June meet the year three team 3.15pm in the hall
- ◆ Fri 30th June - EYFS assembly
- ◆ Fri 7th July (pm) whole school shuffle up - meet your new (for September) teacher ☺
- ◆ Fri 7th July - reports home
- ◆ Mon 10th July (end of day - 4pm) parent drop-in with teachers (optional)
- ◆ Weds 12th July - school council BIG VOTE
- ◆ Fri 21st July Last day of term. *Finish at 2pm*
- ◆ Thurs 29th June at 3.10pm in 3R - Parent workshop on Jigsaw. Our social and emotional aspects of learning, including sex and relationships

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

Reading... In Guided Reading we will be learning about different fiction and non-fiction texts, and furthering our comprehension skills. We will explore the features of diaries and looking at their use of informal language. We will be using favourites such as *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Charlie Small*. Through fiction texts we will focus on our inference skills and predict what might happen next.

Learning Top Tip – When you are reading, look out for the grammar features we have been learning about, e.g. possessive apostrophe, different conjunctions, adverbs, speech marks. Notice how they are used. What is their impact?

Maths... We will be going back over the year 3 curriculum and honing our skills so that they are as embedded as they can be before the end of the year. We will be applying them to real life scenarios as much as possible so we can fully appreciate the value of our learning.

Learning Top Tip – Look out for opportunities when you are out and about to use your new maths skills. How many ways do we use maths in everyday situations?

GRAMMAR – The children will be exploring diary writing. We will be looking out particularly for any of our new spellings, time connectives and interesting conjunctions.

Learning Top Tip – Why not keep your own diary for a while so that you can practise your grammar skills daily.

What we will be learning...



As part of our Songkran celebrations, Year 3 took part in a fantastic re-enactment of a Thai new year water fight.

We do not learn from experience...we learn from reflecting on experience-
John Dewey

History- We will be exploring our local history and learning all about the Bridport Charter. We will also find out why rope and net is so important to the town of Bridport. Look out for our outdoor play where we will share the history of Bridport's Charter with you through drama.

Art and DT – We have already been very creative this term through our curriculum week and there will continue to be art and DT opportunities throughout this half term including observational drawing of flowers and plants – linked to our Science topic.

R.E: – Hinduism.

P.E: We will continue with gymnastics indoors and begin athletics for outdoor PE.

Jigsaw (PSHCE) –Our topic this term is 'Changing Me'.

Science- Studying the different parts of flowering plants.

Developing our learning skills at BPS

At BPS we are always looking for ways to develop the children's learning and prepare them for their next steps in life. To further enhance our already embedded personal and social curriculum, which includes the 6Rs, we are exploring the skills developed through 'The Edge' – a programme used at Colfox from year 7. This programme focuses on Communication, Resilience, Organisation, Leadership and Initiative. We will be seeking ways to weave the elements we don't already have embedded into our planning across the school from the summer term. Within the Minerva Learning Trust, all the primary schools are adapting aspects of 'The Edge' programme as part of our shared aspiration to make learning from 4 to 19 years old, more coherent for the children of Bridport.

6Rs (growth mindset) top tip:

The last part of our PSHCE (Jigsaw) programme in the second half of the summer term is called '**Changing Me**'. The learning focuses on changes in children's development, as well as the end of the school year and the approaching change in year group.

In line with the whole scheme, this Jigsaw piece is set in the context of positive, caring relationships. The information and discussions are presented in clear and simple terms and progress from year to year, according to what is appropriate for the children's age and stage of development.

The curriculum for 'Changes' includes the identification of parts of the body, growing up and reproduction, and covers the requirements of our school policy for Sex and Relationships Education.

Jigsaw include resources to enhance the children's learning and is specially designed for their age groups. These include power point presentations and animations of parts of the body and important human processes.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please see your child's class teacher.

Improving pupil voice, supporting pupil choice

School Council News and Views...

In preparation for School Council next year, every child will get a chance to sign up if they want to be considered for this role. Leading up to the **BIG VOTE** (Weds 12th July), the children will give a speech to their class, and their peers will then pick who they think will be a good role model, represent BPS well and can share information between their class and school council.

Thank you to Ethan (3C) and Emily (3R) for all your hard work and commitment to BPS School Council.