Ditton C of E Junior school

To have life, and live it to the full. John 10:10

Year 3/4 – Term 1

This term's novel:

Books and authors

Suggested Authors

We are beginning to read Tin Forest by Helen Ward. Other books by her appropriate for Year 3 and 4 are Moon Dog, The Dragon Machine and Wonderful Life.

Other recommended reads:

- My brother is a superhero by **David Solomons**
- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf
- The invisible dog by Dick King-Smith
- Toad rage by Morris Gleitzman

English

This term we will be looking at writing our own poetry based on the class text Tin forest

Key Skills Covered

- Recognise different forms of poetry including acrostic, free verse and narrative poetry.
- Draft and write by composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures.

Reading

In Dickens class the children are reading The Boy Who Grew Dragons as their reading for pleasure book. In Windsor class the children are reading You're a Bad Man Mr Gum! In Nightingale class the children are reading the BFG.

GPS

Grammar, spelling and punctuation will feature every day as a part of the English lessons, with a standalone lesson on a Monday. This term we are focusing on nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Creative Curriculum

This term we will be focusing on the United Kingdom. We will learn how to use directions on a compass to locate and identify cities and counties of the UK. We will be learning about floods, droughts and their causes and the impact they have in the UK. We will also be learning about the water cycle.

Computing	Mathematics	Science	Physical Education
We will continue to use our new Purple Mash computing software to test the children on times tables every fortnight and we will be delving into the world of coding!	As mathematicians we will be focusing on place value. For Year 4 This will include numbers to 10,000, Roman Numerals and rounding. They will also be learning to add and subtract 4 digit numbers. For Year 3 This will include numbers to 1000 (including number lines) and adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers.	As scientists we will be learning about living things. We will be learning how to use a classification key to identify a range of animals and living things.	This term, the children will be learning the skills of basketball. Year 4 will be taking part in swimming lessons. P.E days are on Monday and Thursday.
RE	Languages	Design and Technology/ Art	PSHE
Creation We will be exploring the story of creation and looking into what Christians have learnt from it.	As linguists we will be exploring where France is in the world and which countries speak the language. We will also start to learn some basic phonics and start to introduce ourselves	Art – As artists we will be learning a range of sketching skills and focusing drawing light and shade Design and Technology –As designers, we will be learning about different mechanisms and focusing on levers and linkages.	Being Me in My World We will be exploring the importance of rules and how they keep us safe. We will be creating our own class rules to keep us safe in class.
Music	Values focus	Dates	Support at Home
Young Voices In music we will be learning to sing new songs using the young voices songs to perform later in the year.	Responsibility We learn the story of Moses and discuss and explore the ways that it links in to one of our core school values.	Flooding workshop (date TBC) Swimming (Year 4) every Thursday (starting 15 th September)	It would be fantastic if you could continue to support your child with daily reading and times tables using purple mash or times table rockstar if accessible at home. Homework will be posted on Class Dojo by Friday and due in by Wednesday. Paper copies are available on request.