



Puffins Class - Year 3

Summer 2019

April 2019

Dear parents and pufflings,

Welcome back to the new Summer term. I hope you've all had a fabulous Easter break and ready for the new learning ahead about WATER AND LOCAL STUDIES – **HOW ARE WE CONNECTED TO THE BLUE WATER WORLD?** *and* as part of our Sex and Relationships learning in June - **BEING HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE...**

We will start to consider big ideas such as:

- Why are we the blue planet?
- I wonder... is a cloudy day a bad thing in Woolacombe?
- Coastguards and lifeguards are local superheroes. True or false?
- How can 10-a-day help me to be happy and healthy?

To get the most out of our local studies topic, we have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning, including a coastal walk from Lee to Woolacombe - more details will follow.

We ♥ Literacy!

We will kick-start the term with an 'I am poem...' inspired by our class text, 'Water Dance' by Thomas Locker, which is a message we actively talk about in class to help us to be happy and healthy. To develop our understanding, we will explore the water cycle and our writing skills will be broadened to apply geographical and scientific vocabulary learnt, discussed and generated in class, coupled with extending our punctuation choices to add meaning and effect for the reader. Please look at the class display and School Literacy webpage for useful tips and ideas to help support your child at home for more details of the term curriculum.



We are continuing to build on our reading skills: retrieval, inference and interpretation (evaluation) in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. We will be sharing more texts, and NEW for this term will be explanation texts, linked to our new writing focuses about protecting the environment, especially our village and beaches!

Confident and accurate readers are those that read regularly, so remember to read at least 5 times a week to help boost your child's knowledge of the world around them – local and a far. If you are looking at new books to engage and excite your reading at home, please feel free to borrow a book from the School Library or Class 3 Book Corner. Alternatively, search <http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk> to be inspired. Also, for your child to be entered into the Class Reading Raffle, remember to update the red reading diary to show new vocabulary, pages and chapters.

Marvellous maths!

This term we will be practising our understanding of maths symbols (+, -, x, ÷, <, > and =), vocabulary (less than, more than and dividing) and applying our calculating skills with a real context, linked to topic. We will be revisiting Number Sense, Additive Reasoning and Multiplicative Reasoning, but new maths learning will be **measurement**. Remember to keep looking at the class webpage for examples of learning, videos and helpful hints.

Summer P.E. – let's get ready for Sports Day...

P.E. will continue to be on **Wednesday and Friday** each week. Please ensure that your child has ALL the correct P.E. kit for each session in class EVERY MONDAY, especially a school red hoody if it gets cold, a spare pair of socks and shorts – some children have said they get too hot in joggers at this time of year. The term will commence with tennis, rounders and athletics. A named school water bottle is essential – especially when on the meadow!

Getting ready for the summer term:

- [P.E. kit \(named\)](#)
- [Warm water-proof coat \(named\)](#) – in case it rains! This must be in school every day, even if it's sunny in the morning when you leave home please.
- [School water bottle](#) to keep hydrated – available to purchase online from the school website
- [Sensible shoes](#) – please practise tying shoe laces to help independence
- [Complete school uniform](#) – no frayed cuffs on school sweatshirts or cardigans – especially for our class photograph!
- Apply a quality [sun-cream](#) before school to ensure that skin is protected. **The ONCE brands are good.**
- [Scarlet reading/contact diary](#) – EVERY DAY for us to add comments about learning.
- [Healthy snacks for breaktime](#) – no crisps, chocolate bars or croissants! These must be kept in bookbags and not in the lunchboxes. We are aiming to stop litter in our school and breaktime snacks are a major contributor. Moreover, we want to reduce single-use plastics.

Home learning update:

Maths home learning will be organised up to four times each week to practise the learning and skills in class AND topic-related tasks will be sent home every Friday in the separate home learning books, which could include a variety of tasks - spelling, grammar, art and opportunities for writing. Hand-in day will be on the following Wednesday. It will be either marked by me, peer marked or shared in a gallery to celebrate our learning and understanding.

Class expectations and keeping in touch with important dates and exciting activities:

There is a **parents' notice board** in the cloakroom area and there is also an open-door policy from 8:40am until 8:50am. However, it's essential that the children are ready for their learning by the second bell at 8:50am, when the learning will commence promptly. A gentle reminder that children are expected to wear no hair products, have shaved heads or razored patterns, wear fancy hair accessories or nail varnish. Long hair needs to be neatly tied back (nits and safety) and sensible shoes are a must – especially for our Daily Physical Activity (DPA) activities. Also, they will need to have their Woolacombe School water bottle in class – only water.

Upcoming dates and information – please continue to look at the calendar on the school website, as these are subject to change.

- 26th May – PTFA Quiz Night – please see the school chalk boards for more information about joining in the fun!
- 6th May – May Bank Holiday (non-pupil day)
- May – assessment week (dates TBC)
- 23rd May – Class Photos – please look super smart!
- 24th May – Annual Ilfracombe Aquathlon – details will follow
- 27th May – Half Term
- 10th June – Sex and Relationships learning focus – separate details will follow
- 11th June – Surf Life Saving Day at Putsborough – details to follow
- 14th June – Woolacombe School Summer Fayre
- 27th June – Transition day (practise move-up day into Year 4)
- 3rd July – SPORTS DAY
- 22nd July – Summer Term ends – professional day is 23rd July (non-pupil day)

Thank you for your continued support and let's make this term FANTASTIC!

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