



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 2, 2024

Miss Wellings, Miss Hopkins, Mrs Pagan and Mrs Fritz



### This half term we are learning:

**English:** In English, we will be completing a unit of narrative writing based on the story 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We will also be completing some poetry work based on the poem 'The Colour Collector' by Roger McGough.

**Maths:** During this half term, we will be completing work around time, Roman numerals, perimeter and problem solving. We will also be revisiting fractions and our four operations.

**Science:** In Science this half term, we will be completing an exciting STEM project called 'Save our bees'. We will be focussing on the importance of bees, the declining bee population and what we can do to help save them in our school.

**History:** In History, we will be learning about Victorian Tamworth. We will find out about why Robert Peel and the Tamworth Assembly Rooms were important as well as comparing our own lives to those of the Victorians.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around deserts. We will learn about where deserts are found, desert formations, the uses of deserts and the people who live in the desert.

**Art:** We will be learning all about insects and amphibians this half-term. We will revisit our sketching and shading skills as well as completing some fabric collages.

**Music:** Our lessons will focus around 'The Story of Peer Gynt'.

**French:** We will be learning lots of French verbs as part of the topic 'I am able'.

**PSHE:** In our PSHE lessons, we will be looking at the topic 'Changing Me'.

**PE:** In PE this half-term, we will be learning some cricket skills with Mr Cross.

**RE:** We will be learning all about the topic 'Islamic Rites of Passage'.

**Computing:** In our computing lessons, we will be learning about online safety and how we can keep ourselves safe on the internet.

### Message from the teachers:

What an amazing year we have had so far. Year 3 have been such a delightful year group to teach and we are excited about our final half term together before the children move onto the next step in their school journey.

We are really looking forward to exploring our final Year 3 topics. We will be starting our Victorian Tamworth topic with a Victorian day on Wednesday 5th June. The children are invited to dress up as a Victorian child for this exciting day of workshops. They will explore Victorian schools, life as a Victorian servant and Victorian toys and games.

Keep an eye on the events calendar for some other important dates such as transition days, forest school days and sports days.

You will also have the chance to see your child's books and meet their new teacher on 8th July.

### Suggested Home Learning Activities

We are continuing to improve our speed and knowledge of our 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables. Keep accessing times tables rockstars and see how green you can get your heat map before you go into Year 4. I'm sure your new teachers will be very impressed. You may also want to play the games 'Hit the button' and 'Daily 10' to help you. Just google the names of the games to find the links. These games are fantastic if you have a specific times table you want to focus on.

Lots of us have started to write in pen now. We are trying hard to make sure that the formation of our letters are neat and that we can clearly see our ascenders and descenders. The more we practise our handwriting the easier it will become.

Keep reading at home. Why not try a new genre of book? It might just become your favourite. Don't forget to recommend your favourite books to your friends as the teachers love to hear lots of amazing 'book talk' in the classroom.