



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 3

Term 3

2024-2025



## The World Around Us



(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is Life Cycles. The children will be learning about the lifecycle of a frog, sunflower and butterfly. They will investigate how animals and plants grow and study the similarities between the different life cycles. The children will identify what happens at each stage and sequence the cycle. They will discover the role nature plays in the life cycle of plants and animals. The children will plant sunflower seeds, watch how they develop and discover what they need in order for them to grow. We will need a plant pot from home for this.

The children will watch, first hand, the life cycle of a butterfly. We will watch the butterflies grow from tiny caterpillars into beautiful butterflies before we release them into the air.

### **This term in:**

**Maths:** In Mental Maths the children will continue to round and adjust to develop speed and accuracy in adding/subtracting 11, adding/subtracting 9 and partitioning of numbers to add/subtract two 2 digit numbers. In Maths Mastery we will work with numbers within 1000; measure capacity, volume and weight; as well as explore different ways of solving problems using addition and subtraction.

**Literacy:** The children will be writing about the life cycle of the frog, sunflower and butterfly. They will focus on writing in sequence and on using different sentence starters. The children will rewrite the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in past tense, design a menu for the caterpillar and write a diary of a butterfly. Primary 3 will also work on story planning in Narrative Writing. They will use a planning frame and will be encouraged to be creative with their characters, plot and setting.

**ICT:** The children will use their ICT skills to research lifecycles. They will also develop their word processing skills, learning how to insert a picture and change colour, font and size of writing.

### **What else is happening this term?**



**PE:** Don't forget PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Homework:** Continue to read with your child **every night**. They are great readers and love an audience. Please keep practising spellings every night and please keep going over **past spellings** especially from lists **A, B and C**. Please continue to follow the mental maths guidance from the homework sheet.

**School Trip:** P3 will visit the Honeybees on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Please remember to bring a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag.

**Please ensure all school jumpers are labelled, hopefully the warmer weather is just around the corner!**