



**Welcome back to the summer term, hopefully the weather will start to improve soon!**

**Teaching in Class 3:** Ms Chapman will continue to be the class teacher with Mrs Craggs teaching a PE lesson. The class will continue to be supported by Mrs Mason.

**PE Lessons** are scheduled to take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. A light waterproof and spare socks may still be useful as the weather is still a little unpredictable and we will be starting to use the field. Trainers are essential for all lessons- pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes for P.E. Please try to have P.E kits in school every day as session times may change at short notice. Feel Good Friday with Barrow Raiders will continue and children will bring PE kits home on Thursdays to wear to school on Fridays. There is also the exciting Barrow Raiders rugby match for the school on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We will also be attending a rounders tournament on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Water bottles** should be clearly named and only contain water. Bottles can be refilled in school throughout the day. This is especially important as the weather becomes warmer.

**Reply slips and payments** can be placed in the classroom box by the children before the morning register is taken. Please check bags regularly for letters, these are essential for communication and permission for trips.

**Homework:** Pupils are set the main homework on a Monday; this should be handed in by the following Monday. All children are expected to complete the tasks. Pupils are asked to complete IDL regularly alongside TT Rock Stars. Short sessions of both are most effective. Please continue to listen to your child read regularly at home and record this in the reading records. This is essential for building confidence and developing understanding of the text and new vocabulary.

**Contact:** Urgent queries or information, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements, should be sent to [office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk). I am often available at the end of the school day for a brief chat if you have any questions or concerns.

You can also keep up with our learning in school by visiting our website blog and our class page, these are updated regularly.

### **Curriculum Overview:**

**Maths:** We start the term by continuing our decimals and fraction topics. We will then move onto learning about money, converting between pounds and pence, finding change and solving problems involving money. We will also learn about time; it would be helpful to ask your child the time using analogue clocks, and finally, we will finish the year looking at shape, statistics, position and directions.

**English:** This term we will be linking our learning with our rainforest topic and looking at the poem 'Tiger, Tiger burning bright' by William Blake. We will also look at stories that raise issues and dilemmas using 'The Great Kapok Tree' and the destruction of the rainforest. After half term, we will look at adventure stories and biographies.

**Science:** This term we will be learning about electricity. The children will identify common appliances that use battery or mains electricity, make simple circuits including switches and identify conductors and insulators. This will include lots of practical work and experiments.

**Topic:** Our topic for the term is geography based. We will begin the term by studying the Amazon Rainforest, its location, climate and key features. We will look at South America and then concentrate on the Amazon. Following this, we will make comparisons between South America and Great Britain. Again, we will bring this down to a local level and look at the key features of rivers and include a fieldtrip to Levens Park to examine the River Kent.

**SCARF:** SCARF stands for the values we uphold in school - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. In explicit teaching sessions we will cover topics under the themes of 'Keeping myself safe' and 'Growing and changing.'

**PE:** Our P.E slots are Monday and Tuesday but occasionally change due to the weather and hall availability. In the first half term we will be developing sport-specific skills, such as bowling underarm, fielding a ball and returning it quickly whilst playing rounders. After half term, we will be playing cricket developing skills such as performing a straight drive and catching a ball, with consistency and accuracy. The children will also be developing their athletic skills in preparation for sports day.

**Computing:** We will be developing our programming skills. Children will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language. We will look at repetition and loops within programming. The children will then develop their programming skills using the Scratch environment. The children will discover similarities between Logo and Scratch, looking at the difference between count-controlled and infinite loops and use their knowledge to modify existing animations and games using repetition. To conclude they will design and create a game which uses repetition, applying stages of programming design.

**RE:** Our Christian Value for this term is 'Endurance.' If your child has demonstrated this outside school, please let us know, photographs and information will be added to our reflection book and celebrated in class. Our topics in the summer term are 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is the son of God?' and 'What is prayer?' With a focus on Christianity, Buddhism, Islam. The topic for multifaith week is 'Creation – What do people of different faiths believe about the creation?'

**Art:** This term we will look at the work of Henri Rousseau and use Tiger in the Rainforest as inspiration for our own water colours, focusing on colour mixing, shades and tones. We will also be producing some landscape paintings of Cumbria in the style of Lloyd Hopkinson.

**French:** We will be learning all about sports and hobbies this term along with developing use of the present tense correctly.

**DT:** In DT we will be linking our topic with the science electricity topic and making torches. We will also be extending our sewing skills by looking at fastenings and making our own book sleeves. If you have any spare pieces of felt at home (A3 size) these would be gratefully received and put to good use!