



Combe Martin School

Class 3 Newsletter Summer Term 2021



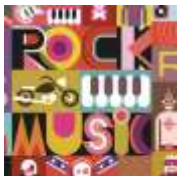
Welcome back to school and we hope you all had a great Easter break and didn't eat too much chocolate! Mrs Railston will be working in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Vickery will be working in class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Summer Term	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Mrs Railston	Mrs Railston
Tuesday	Mrs Railston	Mrs Railston
Wednesday	Mrs Railston	Mrs Vickery
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We have a full and exciting term of events and we are sure that the children will enjoy all the things we have planned!

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'Playlist'. We'll listen to musical performances, picking out the different sounds and techniques. We'll investigate the volume of sounds and make vibrations using different equipment. Our toes will be tapping along to all kinds of music, and we'll be listening to song lyrics to get lots of ideas to write our own. We'll create artwork that represents jazz music, and look at famous, jazz-influenced art. We'll find out how our ear works, how sound travels and learn about pitch. In D&T, we'll investigate how musical instruments work and enjoy making our own. We'll share our favourite music and explore how music is used in everyday life. As a challenge, we'll create an uplifting celebration song.



Help your child prepare for their project

Music has the power to change our emotions, make us think and inspire us to dance! Why not talk to friends and relatives about music that was popular when they were younger? You could also watch performances online and think about how the music makes you feel. Alternatively, you could work together to learn a song by heart. Can you sing it without making any mistakes?

English

We will be covering a range of text types in our English work, including Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction, some of this will be linked to our topic. We will continue to learn model texts and hope that the children can share their learning with you at home by showing you the texts we learn with actions. This approach to the teaching of writing is one which we use throughout the school and its main objective is that when the children learn texts they are more able to use and adapt the language of the learnt text in their own writing. We have been really pleased with the results of this approach, we can see the impact it is having on the children's writing.



As well as reading their independent reading books that they bring home, children will be participating in regular group reading sessions lead by a teacher.

Maths



The children will be working on a range of mathematics this term. We will begin the term by working on Fractions. We will continue to revisit the maths learning which we have already covered during the Autumn and Spring Terms on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. One way in which we give the children practise of these skills is in our Morning Activities before registration so it is really important that the children try their best at these activities.

You can continue to support your child by practising maths at home, using numbers in many situations, for example, telling the time, counting, money and learning times tables.

By the end of Year 3 the National Curriculum states that children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables (this is expected at the end of Year 2) and their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Please help the children practise these at home, both in order and out of order including multiplications and divisions. Remember all the children are able to log in to Times Table Rockstars to practise their tables.

P.E.

We will continue to have our PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that the children wear their PE kits to school on Tuesdays.

The children's PE kit should include: appropriate trainers, black shorts/jogging bottoms, white T-shirt, sweatshirts and a clean pair of socks. A thin windproof coat is also useful as even though it is the Summer we cannot rely on good weather! Please make sure that your child's name is in all their kit.



Reading



As you know, at Combe Martin we place a huge value on the importance of reading and we thank you for your support with this. Reading is an essential life skill which underpins all our work at school. It is a school expectation that all children read at home **daily** with parents and make a note of it in the Blue Love Reading books. It is worth remembering that this reading can take many forms – for example, looking at a magazine or newspaper together, finding something out on the internet and of course sharing and talking about a good book! Please encourage your children to use the Love Reading books for more than just writing in what pages of a book they have read, we want to see them using them to show their enjoyment of reading and their wide range of reading outside school. For example, they can record their thoughts about what they are reading or draw a picture in response to it, stick in an interesting magazine article, writing a list of everything they have read during a day/week etc. Please encourage the children to continue using these books to show their enjoyment of reading and their wide range of reading outside school!

Even when children are already fluent readers we can still help them to develop their reading skills. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth. Most importantly, we want all the children to develop a 'love for reading', we will be sharing a range of texts with them in class and hope they will also widen their reading choices out of school and share them with us!

Each week the children have a Reading Task to complete at home which will be linked to the work which we have done during their Guided Reading sessions – please remember to check in the Love Reading books for these tasks and support your child in completing them, we will also continue to post these tasks in Google Classroom. These Reading Tasks should be completed in the blue Love Reading books or on Google Classroom. We check the Love Reading books on a weekly basis.



Home Learning

Look out for this term's Home Learning grid, linked to our topics – we are looking forward to seeing the children's creativity in these tasks!



General Information

We encourage the children to be independent and it is their responsibility to bring their Love Reading Books and reading books in on a daily basis. Each morning there will be a registration activity ready for children to work on when they come in to the classroom, please remind them to have a go at their morning task when you drop them off at school!

Weather



As it is the Summer term and we hope for some lovely weather please remember to send children to school with hats and please apply all day sun cream before school. In warm weather it is even more important than usual to keep hydrated so please send children to school with a **water bottle** which they may keep in the classroom, ideally the water bottles should be plastic and have a 'push down pull up top' (in case of spills). The weather can be changeable so we do ask that children continue to bring coats into school in case of rain!

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us through the home school diary, via Class Dojo or through email:

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Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Summer Term!

