

## 3LS

### Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term



#### Our Values...

**Welcoming    Teamwork**  
**Friendship    Trust**  
**Independence    Fun!**

Although school is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our curriculum newsletters are a guide for parent carers as to the topics and themes planned by staff for the Summer term. There are learning resources and activities available on the school website under 'home learning' if you'd like to use them, though please do not feel under pressure to do so. At this challenging time, our children just need to feel safe and loved, they need to play, explore and try fun distracting activities.

#### Topic

Our topic this term is 'People Who Help Us'. Please refer to the Medium Term Planning you were sent via email for a large range of ideas and resources related to this topic.

The 3LS class page in the 'home learning' section of the school website will also be updated regularly with videos and resources related to the topic.

#### Mathematics

Role-play is a great opportunity for Maths activities; using money at the supermarket, ordering sizes of animals at the Vets, sorting letters at the Post Office.

Encourage tracing and mark-making of 2D shapes, using a range of sensory textures.

#### Understanding The World (Science, Humanities, Technology)

##### Computing

Over the summer term the focus will be on maintaining skills your child has learned this year in computing. The ICT tab on the school website will be regularly updated with useful websites and tasks for your child to support this.

##### Outdoor Learning

As the weather turns warmer, it is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy learning outdoors, if you have the space and means to do so.

Water-play is always a firm favourite in 3LS, for example, using paintbrushes to paint walls and slabs with water.

##### The World Around Us

Watch the rubbish being collected, look out for the Postman; see how many people you can spot who help us!

Walk to the post-box and post a letter together.

#### English and Communication

Look out for Mrs Sabel reading 'The Jolly Postman' on the website, coming soon!

Please refer to your Medium Term Planning for online resources and games to help with your child's Phonics and other activity ideas.

Use a range of interesting textures to encourage your child to mark-make. Use a range of surfaces: foil/ bubble-wrap/ cling-film etc. for increased sensory stimulation. Encourage independent exploration, then model ideas (e.g. banging, drawing circles, straight lines) and encourage your child to copy.)

Play listening games; use simple musical instruments to see if your child can guess which one you are playing. Practise 'Stop/ Go' activities, making noise, then stopping, then starting, etc.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Allow lots of opportunities for your child to express themselves through role-play and simple drama-based games, for example acting out different people who help us.

There are a number of Expressive Arts and Design ideas related to our topic on the Medium Term Planning. However, please remember, Art in 3LS is very much about the process rather than the outcome! We encourage the children to be as independent and as creative as they can be.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Please allow your child lots and lots of opportunities at home to play and choose their own learning where appropriate.

Look out for TacPac videos and music on the 3LS area of the school website. There are also lots of Mental Health and Well-Being resources available on the website.

Provide lots of opportunities for your child to make independent choices, in whatever context is appropriate for them.

### Physical Education

Take part in the weekly Fitness Challenge announced on Twitter and the website. After half term the focus is Sports Day; practice throwing objects for distance, throwing into containers, and stepping or jumping activities. Running activities include running in a straight line, a slalom type activity in and out of cones, a family relay and an egg and spoon race.

Please continue to follow your child's individual physiotherapy targets and IEP's. There are also lots of links and resources on the Medium Term Planning you received, related to our topic.

### Music

In addition to the links and resources on our school website's Home Learning pages, here is a great opportunity for your child to make music at home! Chadsgrove has been given increased access to the award-winning **Clarion™** instrument, an expressive accessible instrument developed for young disabled people and it also works seamlessly with Eye Gaze computers.

**To download:** Go to <https://bit.ly/clarionmusic> and watch one of the short videos on the Download page. That will show you how to download and install Clarion™ for either iPad or Windows devices. There are also a few videos on the website to help you get started making music. 'Open Up Music' will continue adding films to the website over the summer.

**Username:** Summer2020

**Password:** start.group.745

Happy music making! Have fun!

### How is my child's progress being recorded?

Please continue to send me all your amazing photos of what your child has been doing at home, they are lovely to see!

### How can parents and carers support their child's learning?

The most important thing you can do for your child's learning at the moment is to enjoy this time you have together at home as much as you can.

Allow your child to do whatever makes them happy, spend time together and take lots of photos!

Please, if you have any questions, or need any help, email me at any time.

I hope this newsletter and the Medium Term Planning is helpful in providing some ideas, however, it is much more important that you do whatever you need to do as a family, to stay happy and safe.

3LS staff look forward to seeing you all again soon!