



Bursley Academy

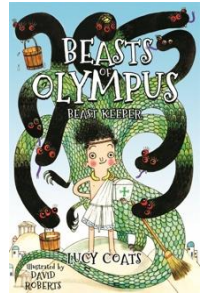
Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 2



We hope you had an enjoyable half-term break and are looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead.

English

In our English lessons, we will be exploring the story *Beasts of Olympus*. The children will immerse themselves in the text, discussing the characters, setting and key events to deepen their understanding. In our comprehension lessons, we will focus on a range of question types, including retrieval, inference, prediction, vocabulary and explanation questions, encouraging the children to use evidence from the text to support their answers and develop their understanding. In Writing, the children will be creating an exciting narrative inspired by the story, developing their use of descriptive language, dialogue and varied sentence structures. They will also produce a non-chronological report linked to a creature from the text, learning to include key features such as a title, subheadings, labelled diagrams, information and subject-specific vocabulary. They will be encouraged to organise their writing into clear sections and use expanded noun phrases and precise language to make their writing more engaging and informative.



Maths

In Maths, children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions by adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator within one whole. They will explore equivalent fractions and use practical resources and pictorial representations to support their reasoning. The children will also focus on money, adding and subtracting amounts of money to give change and solving real-life problems involving pounds and pence. In addition, they will develop their understanding of time by telling and writing the time from analogue and digital clocks, including using Roman numbers, estimating and reading time to the nearest minute, and comparing durations of events. Throughout these topics, children will be encouraged to explain their mathematical thinking, use appropriate mathematical vocabulary and apply their skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities. We encourage children to continue practising their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables regularly at home to build confidence and fluency.

<https://trockstars.com/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Foundation Subjects

Science

In Science, children will be learning about plants. They will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants, including roots, stems, leaves and flowers. Children will investigate what plants need to grow and stay healthy, exploring the importance of water, light, air and nutrients. They will also learn about the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal, developing their scientific enquiry skills through observations and investigations.

History

In History, children will be learning about The Ancient Greeks and their influence on the modern world. They will explore Greek life, beliefs and achievements.

Design and Technology (DT)

In DT, children will design and make healthy sandwiches. They will learn about nutrition, practise food preparation skills and evaluate their products.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In PSHE, children will learn about the importance of being active and getting enough rest to support their physical and mental wellbeing.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, children will learn about Sikhism, exploring the Holy Book, worship and the significance of the Khanda. They will develop their understanding of beliefs, practices and symbols.

<https://www.bursley.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/our-classes/year-3>

Key Dates

- Friday 12th June – Sports Day
- Friday 12th June – Summer Fair - 3:30-5pm
- Friday 3rd July – **BACK UP** – Sports Day
- Friday 17th July – INSET Day

Reminders-Miss Birks' Class

PE days – Monday and Thursday
 Changing reading books – Wednesday
 Homework in – Wednesday

Reminders-Mrs Moruzzi and Mrs Jesch's Class

PE days – Monday and Wednesday
 Changing reading books – Tuesdays
 Homework in – Thursdays

If you have any questions, please email office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support,
 Miss Birks, Mrs Moruzzi & Mrs Jesch.