

## Year 3 Summer Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break.



**Reading** - Reading continues as last term, and children are still expected to read at **least four times a week for about 20 minutes**. Remember to sign your child's reading diary, or you can allow your child themselves to record the book title and page numbers to help them with independence. I was very impressed again that last half term every child met their reading target and took part in the reading treat, and I hope to see the same this half term! Your child's reading target will be in their reading diary soon, and it is also displayed in AR when you quiz. I monitor targets closely and will send a text reminder out after 3-4 weeks if your child is not on track to complete successfully.

**English** - This half term we will look at shape poetry, the book 'Despereaux' and factual leaflets linked to geography. Spelling and grammar skills will be taught and implemented into the different writing genres and through our phonics sessions. Our summer term author is Kate DiCamillo.

**Maths** - Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will be focusing on fractions and time. It would really help if your child was confident reading an analogue clock to the nearest minute, so if you can practise at home it would be most appreciated. This is a life skill and can be tricky!

**Science** - This half term we will be looking at rocks and soils. This will tie in with our trip to the Catalyst Discovery Centre on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will go for a walk in our local area looking at and collecting different rocks and soil samples.

**History** - We will be looking at the Bronze Age and how this develops on from the Stone Age. We will explore their tools, weapons and homes through pictures of archaeological sites and investigate how they have influenced our lives today.

**Geography** - In Geography we will look at volcanoes and how they are formed and why they erupt. We will use map skills to locate mountain ranges, fault lines and volcanoes in the world.

**Art** - In art we will look at a Welsh textile artist called Josie Russell and see how she uses texture and pattern to create her work. The children will learn the skill of sewing in a running stitch and attaching beads and buttons to fabric.

**RE** - We will be completing our unit of work on Islam then focusing on Judaism this half term, looking at the importance of the Torah and the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

**PSHE** - We will focus on the choices we make regarding lifestyle and ways of staying safe by roads, rail and water.

**Junior Jam** - The Junior Jam teachers will still be in school on Wednesdays and they will deliver lessons in music and computing. Mrs Stevenson will deliver French.

**PE** - The PE days for the first week of the Summer 1 term (week commencing 13th April) are Tuesday and Thursday. Please note, you will be contacted during the first week with the PE schedule for week 2 onwards.

We are delighted to announce that we are now a parkrun primary school, paired with Clough Hall Junior parkrun, where we know many of our families already attend. There will be an assembly for the children on Tuesday 14th April to launch this. Following that, on Sunday 19th April we are planning a Scholar Green take over at Clough Hall Junior parkrun (21 Grove Ave, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1DJ). We are inviting all families to come and join us with children wearing their PE tops to turn the park green. All children who attend will receive a privilege card in school! Mrs Colman and Mrs Kapp will be there to cheer you all on. An adult must stay within the park to supervise their child (but they are not expected to run and can supervise as a spectator!). Please see the parkrun letter for more information.

**Homework** - Homework will be sent home on Thursdays, to be completed and returned on the following Tuesday. Please continue with TTRS games to help develop times table skills.

If you have any concerns then please get in touch with me at the classroom door or via email.

Kind Regards,

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### **Diary Dates**

Date	Event
13.04.26	School Opens
14.04.26	Parkrun Primary School Assembly in school
16.04.26	Class & Team Photos
19.04.26	Scholar Green Takeover at Clough Hall Junior parkrun (more information to follow)
21.04.26	Yr 1 Phonics Meeting
23.04.26	St George's Day – Pupils allowed to wear uniforms from community clubs
27.04.26	After School Clubs Start
07.05.26	PTA Killer Mile Sponsored Run
11.05.26	Year 6 SATs- No holidays please
18.05.26	Years 1-5 Assessment Week – No Holidays Please
20.05.26	PTA Disco – Please bring in a bottle (KS1) or chocolate (ks2) for summer fayre
22.05.26	School Closes

