

Year 3



Welcome to the start of the Summer Term 2023



Caring for our planet and protecting the environment are important topics for today's children to explore. In the face of difficult news about climate change, plastic pollution and deforestation our lessons will provide a platform to empower the children to understand their choices and to find hope in making a positive impact on our planet. Our exploration of

what it means to be environmentally friendly will include understanding more about why plastic is both good and bad for the environment, knowing about the different coloured recycling bins and going out and about in Edwinstowe to investigate whether there is a litter problem!

In **Science**, we continue to learn about what a plant needs in order to flourish. We will be carrying out more experiments to confirm our understanding and will be putting our 'green fingers' to good use!



PE is an essential part of the curriculum. All children are expected to participate. PE takes place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Full kit is required for these lessons and kit should adhere to the school policy. Please make sure all items are named.



In **Art**, we will be gathering recycled materials and using these to sculpt in the style of Anthony Gormley. In **Design and Technology**, we will be making bread, so watch this space for your invite to come and sample some tasty treats!

In **English**, we use a 'book study' technique to develop and refine reading and writing skills. Our focus text this half term is 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. Other books about environmental issues that you might like to explore are:

The Last Wolf by Mini Grey

King of the Swamp by Catherine Emmett and Ben Mantle

The Emerald Forest by Catherine Ward and Karin Littlewood

The Last Tree by Emily Haworth-Booth

Omar, the Bees and Me by Helen Mortimer and Katie Cottle

Dear Greenpeace by Simon James

Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico

The Great Paper Caper by Oliver Jeffers

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold and Levi Pinfold

In **Maths**, we continue to explore a variety of operations using increasingly more complex numbers. Knowledge of times tables will be used to understand more about fractions and further work on measurements will explore mass and capacity. Times Tables Rock Stars, Fluent in 5, Rapid Reasoning and problem solving challenges are all used to consolidate understanding. Rehearsing mental recall of key facts is important.

Congratulations to all those who produced wonderful homework last half term. A new bingo homework has been uploaded to MS Teams so let's see what incredible contributions you make this half term!

Are you a reader? Does your child see you read for pleasure? What books that you enjoyed as a child have you shared with your own child?

Nurturing a love of reading is a key focus at KEPS this academic year. This is a polite reminder that classrooms open at 8:50am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to provide *a quiet opportunity for you to come and read with your child*. We understand that everyone works to a different schedule and this time may not suit all but we encourage you to use these 10 minutes to dive into a good book!

All KEPS pupils are invited to make use of our library facilities. Typically, Year 3 visit the school library on a Tuesday so please ensure that any books that have been borrowed are returned for others to enjoy.

Quick reminders:

- ✓ Drop off and pick up are busy times for staff who are ensuring that every child is safe and hand over is smooth. Please be mindful of this if you feel there is something you need to discuss with a member of staff at the beginning or end of the day.
- ✓ Water is available in school. Children need a water bottle from home.
- ✓ Year 3 do not have lunch until around 12:30pm so it is a good idea to bring a healthy snack (fruit or equivalent) to eat at morning break.
- ✓ All children have access to MS Teams, Times Tables Rock Stars, the 'Doodle' platforms and PurpleMash.
- ✓ Why not follow us on Twitter, FaceBook or Instagram. Year 3 use the hashtag #ClassOf2026

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Year 3 Team

