



Flax Hill Junior Academy

Year 3 Newsletter – Summer 1, 2026

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This half term we are learning:

English: In English, we will be completing a unit of narrative writing based on the wordless picture book 'Flood'. We will also be working on some character descriptions as part of a unit of work based on 'George's Marvellous Medicine',

Maths: During this half term, we will be completing work around time and data analysis. We will be telling the time to the nearest minute and will be reading and creating a variety of different charts. We will also look at Roman Numerals.

Science: Our new Science topic will focus around plants. We will be deepening our previous knowledge of the plant life cycle, the needs of a plant and the functions of different parts of the plant.

History: In History, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will be thinking about life in Ancient Egypt and using artefacts to help us learn about Tutankhamen.

Geography: Our geographical work will be based around India. We will be looking at human and physical aspects of this fascinating country.

Art: We will be learning all about landscapes and the famous artists Monet and Cezanne. We will be creating our own landscape pictures.

Music: Our lessons will focus around our performance skills as part of our 'Star Performer' topic.

French: We will be learning lots of French vocabulary related to shapes.

PSHE: In our PSHE lessons, will be looking at the topic 'Relationships'.

PE: In PE this half-term, we will be learning some netball skills with Mr Cross.

RE: We will be learning all about the topic 'What is in the Bible?'

Computing: In our computing lessons, we will be learning about the uses of spreadsheets, creating our own and using them to create different types of graphs.

Message from the teachers:

What a super last half-term we have had! The children have made such amazing progress and we couldn't be prouder of them. It has been lovely to celebrate these achievements with you at our parents evenings and our celebration assemblies.

We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things they can achieve during the start of the summer term.

We will be starting our summer term with an exciting event to kickstart our new Geography topic. The staff will be leading an 'Investigating India' day on Thursday 16th April. The children will be trying Indian food, attempting some Indian dancing, learning about famous Indian landmarks and creating some Indian art. We will also be singing some traditional Indian songs. Your child is invited to come dressed in the colours of the Indian flag on this day. We look forward to seeing lots of orange, white and green.

Suggested Home Learning Activities

Keep using times tables rockstars at home as often as you possibly can. The children are working really hard to fill in as many gaps as they can on their heat maps and are thrilled when a space turns green. The children can use the garage mode to work on their heat maps and the jamming mode to select specific times tables they want to practise. Jamming mode is great if your children want to practice their times tables without a timer.

Keep building up your child's reading stamina by asking them to read each night. This helps to develop their 'reading muscles' and their love of reading. Don't forget to ask them questions about what they are reading as this will help them to remember key facts about their books.