

Year 3 Class Newsletter.

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WELCOME BACK FROM CHRISTMAS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVELY CARDS AND PRESENTS, FROM MRS HOGAN AND MRS ROBERTS.

Autumn 2 was another very productive and enjoyable term, and we have another exciting term ahead, with our Roman Day being a main highlight. This term we will also be uniting with the lovely Year 4s to put on a production before Easter. More details to follow later...

Thank you for your continued support with homework and other school activities, and a special thanks for all the delightful Roman projects. Keep up the good work - it really makes a huge difference to your child's progress as well as to their attitude to learning. Your assistance in hearing your child, at least 4 times per week, is essential, and asking questions about the text further improves comprehension skills. We cannot stress enough the advantages of your involvement in their reading, weekly homework (including spellings and times tables) as well as any additional Topic and Science research that they undertake with you at home!

THE CURRICULUM In **English** this term, we are starting off with Plays, and Myths and Legends. We will also be looking at diary entries and Newspaper reports, and will retrieve information from both factual and fictitious texts, which we will be linking with our topic work. In addition to this, the children have focussed reading, spelling and grammar sessions. In **Maths**, we are continuing with multiplication and division. We will also cover one of our Measurement Units:- Money, and we will revisit Statistics as well as addition and subtraction (including formal methods of calculation). Our topic in **Science** is Rocks. We will describe and compare different types of rocks, and explore how and why rocks change over time. The children will also investigate how fossils are formed and they will recognize that soil is made from rocks and organic matter. Within this topic, the children will be given a range of scientific experiences to enable them to raise their own questions about the world around them. In **RE**, the children will continue to discuss and reflect on 'Big Questions' relating to religion and their own lives. Our Christian value this term: 'Courage'.

In the term ahead our Topic is Romans:- the children will learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will also base our Art and DT around our topic and will even learn a Roman dance in PE.

Homework

Maths and Literacy(or RE) will continue to be sent home on alternate weeks on Fridays and are due in the following Wednesday. Tasks will relate to learning the children have done in class. Please support them and **make sure they return their homework books by Wednesday each week.** This is really important as it gives us time to mark the work, and set new homework. Like last term, **spellings** will be given out on Mondays for testing the following Monday. Word lists will contain specific spelling patterns as well as words from the National Curriculum Spelling Lists for Year 2 and Year 3/4. **Reading** should be done at least 4 times a week, in order to make good progress, whatever your child's ability. It is important the children understand new vocabulary they come across and comprehend what the text is about. Don't forget to sign their homework diary too! We need to see evidence that they have read to you at home. In Year 3, children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 **multiplication tables** and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s. They can log into their Rockstar Times Tables account at home to practise. Please support them as often as possible during the week with their spellings and tables – it is vital that they learn these on a weekly basis and it is best to practise them over few days rather than all at once. Knowing their times tables is a huge help to the children in Maths lessons!

Important days: PE on Tuesday(outdoor) and Friday(indoor). Homework out Friday and returned Wednesday. Important Dates: Tuesday 22nd Jan
Dress up for Roman Day.

REMINDERS

PE

Year Three will be doing outdoor PE(ball games) on a Tuesday with Mrs Hogan and indoor PE(gymnastics) on a Thursday with Miss Cox. On wet Tuesdays we will do Dance in the hall. Trainers will be needed as well as a t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a jumper. They need plimsolls for indoor PE. **It is very important that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. This continued to be an issue for some children in term 2. This term we expect all children to be fully kitted out, as PE is a very important, beneficial, and enjoyable, part of the school curriculum. There will be repercussions for children who persistently forget all, or part of, their kit, this term.**



The Term Ahead

In this term, we look forward to continuing to help your children learn and develop in a supportive, happy environment. It is very important that the children are encouraged to take great pride in their achievements both at home and at school. We also aim to develop their independence and this should be encouraged at home too. They should also look after their own belongings, as well as school property.