



Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome!

We hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for the summer term! We are looking forward to another busy term packed full of exciting events and activities. We hope that this newsletter will give you some useful information about our summer term curriculum and help you support your child.

Learning Journey Topic

Our class topic this term will be based on the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. The children have already impressed us with the knowledge they have and the questions they want answering. Over the coming weeks they will learn how and why the Romans invaded Britain and what life was like in Roman Britain. On **Tuesday 16th June**, the children will enjoy a Life in Roman Britain Day in school where they will have the opportunity to handle some Roman artefacts, try different practical activities and role play. The children will be asked to dress as a Romans to bring the experience to life!

English

In English our focus will continue to be on learning how authors use different writing features to engage their reader and allow them to follow a text clearly. Our first English unit will be poetry based, on free verse and calligrams. Later in the term we will focus on non-fiction writing, including writing a persuasive letter and instructions. We will move onto narrative writing and compose a recount. Throughout each unit of work the children will be learning how to edit, redraft and understand the importance of these for improving their written work. In spelling we will be working on adding prefixes and suffixes to root words. We will also be continuing with weekly handwriting sessions to help develop and improve the children's cursive handwriting.

Mathematics

In maths we will be continuing our work on fractions including how to add and subtract these. The children will be developing further strategies for multiplying and dividing numbers, including using written methods. Throughout the term the children will be practising their times tables with particular focus on x3, x4 and x8. Later in the term, the children will be beginning to work with decimal numbers, learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks and working out time durations. The children will continue to complete weekly arithmetic tests to help them consolidate basic number skills.

Science: This term the children will be finding out about plants including identifying and describing the function of different parts of a flowering plant. They will investigate what plants need to live and grow and explore the life cycle of flowering plants. We will then go on to learn about the importance of different food groups and why humans need the right amount of each type of nutrition to maintain their health. Part of our **Design and technology** will be linked to this with the children thinking about seasonal food and then making a healthy snack using seasonal produce.

Art: We will be carefully observing flowers and plants and using different art materials to draw them.

PE: The children will be learning the skills needed to play rounders and tennis. They will also be taking part in different athletic events and preparing for Sports Day.

MFL: The children will be continuing to learn French including vocabulary and phrases linked to 'Ice creams' and the well-known story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

RE: The children will continue to learn about the Christian and Islamic religions.

PSHCE: Our topics are 'Economic well-being' and 'Safety and the changing body'.

Computing: The children will be finding out about computer systems and using databases as well as continuing with lesson about online safety.

Final messages

PE days will be on Wednesday and Friday. Children should have suitable indoor and outdoor clothes.

Library Day is on Tuesday. Please bring in library books on this day.

Peek at the week and homework are posted on Google Classroom on a Friday. We have been very impressed with the children who completed homework every week last term, it really does make a huge difference to their confidence and progress. Thank you.

Please read with your child **daily** and record the reading in Boomreader (including marking books as complete when finished) Remember questions from adults about their reading will help to improve comprehension skills.

Also, please make sure that the weekly spellings are practised daily, and your child has an opportunity to practise basic number skills including times tables. Using TTrackstars 3-4 times a week is an ideal way to develop this basic number skill.

Best wishes The Year 3 Team