

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term, 2018

A warm welcome back to school for the start of
2018 from
Miss McConville, Miss Fairclough and Mrs Harvey

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to the adventures that 2018 will bring.

In Year 3 we had a fantastic start in the Autumn Term as the children settled in and accepted the challenges that Key Stage 2 presented to them.

Please continue reading to find out what we have in store this Spring term...

The Romans

This term Year 3's topic will be The Romans. We will be looking at all aspects of Roman life, threading the topic throughout the curriculum.

Miss McConville has planned a school trip to Chester for Year 3 to experience Roman excavations, reconstructions as well as a fully guided tour (see key dates). The aim of this trip is to enable the children to enhance their learning with an extraordinary out of classroom experience.



Key Dates

- 09/01/2018 - Parents evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
- 10/01/2018 – Parents evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
- 16/02/2018 – Class assembly (9.10 am)
- 16/02/2018 – End of Spring 1 term
- 26/02/2018 – Children back to school for Spring 2 term
- 13/03/2018 – School trip to Chester
- 29/03/2018 – End of Spring 2 term

Mathematics

This half term we will continue to focus on the following mathematical strands: counting, place value and number problems. We will also be introducing measurement. Within this we will be studying the different methods to write and record time. This will include Roman Numerals, which will work along side our new topic of 'The Romans'.

During the Autumn term the children began to develop their reasoning and mastery skills. This will continue throughout Spring as the children are encouraged to explain how they got their answers, what other methods were available to them and how can they improve their mathematical efficiency. Within each Mathematics lesson the children are always being given an opportunity to reason, this allows them to apply their learning.

We will continue to focus on our 3, 4 and 8 timetables as well as introducing the 6's and recapping the 2, 5, and 10's.

English

This term in English we will be looking at the following genres:

- Poetry texts
- Biographical and Autobiographical texts
- Mystery texts
- Instructional texts

All styles of text will be linked to the class' topic – The Romans. Children will continue to develop their writing skills, using time conjunctions and fronted adverbials to excite the reader, as well as proof reading and editing their own and other children's work through peer assessment.

Science

This term we will be looking at forces and magnets. We will be applying this to our topic, enquiring as to how the Romans used both push pull forces to develop the Roman Empire. We will also explore whether life may have been easier if they had discovered the use of magnets.

History

Year 3 will begin their historical understanding of The Romans by looking at the legend of how Rome was created. We will examine the impact of Roman life and how their achievements have continued to affect the world today, as well as exploring Roman artefacts.

Geography

In this area of study we will be focusing on the countries, towns and cities that the Roman armies invaded. The children will begin to use maps to locate countries, as well as describe the features (studied) of Roman settlements.

Religious Education

In R.E this term we will be exploring whether Jesus could heal people and whether these were miracles or could be explained by other means.

Art and Design

Throughout Art this term we will begin to look at how we know what famous emperors looked like. We will be recreating our favourite portraits of Julius Caesar, using hard and soft pencil lines to develop our sketching skills. Through discussion we will highlight the characteristics of a good artist, highlighting how a conscientious artist would work.





Year 3's Rewards

Star of the Day

Congratulations to all those children that have shone brightly during the Autumn term! Let's keep it up for the Spring term.

Star Merits

Each child individually earns star merits based on behaviour, work ethic, their responsibility and caring nature. Each half term a male and female winner will receive a prize.



Spellings

The children have shown fantastic progression with their spellings and have faced this challenge head on.

Please keep encouraging your child to practice their spellings, using the strategies taught in school. This will develop a strong understanding to ensure they can correctly spell for their tests, as well as applying this knowledge in their writing when required.

Design and Technology

For Design and Technology the children will begin to research, plan and design their own version of a Roman helmet. The children will use a number of different techniques to build and evaluate their product after testing, enabling them to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of their finished product.

French



French is a clear favourite in Year 3, with the children enthusiastically participating in all areas of the lessons, including speaking, writing and performing. Within our lessons this term we will be focussing on the months of the year, body parts and revisiting colours!

PE, Dance and Music

As per the Autumn Term, PE is held on Thursday mornings and is taught by the sports coaches. **Every Thursday please can you bring your child to school in their PE kit** (with their school uniform in their bag.)

Dance will take place on Friday afternoons. Within Dance we will be focussing on music inspired by Rome, Italy.

Within our music sessions this half term we will look at a variety of genres, including Reggae. This will allow the children to explore poetry in music (linked to English) as well as the historical context of musical styles.

Physical, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE)

This term we will be looking at how the children can develop their understanding of positive and negative feelings, utilising strategies to help solve conflicts, as well as identifying their own special individual qualities.

Final note: Children's planners

These must be signed every night and brought into school every day. Planners are checked daily and can be used to pass a message from you to Miss McConville, Miss Fairclough or Mrs Harvey.

Once again thank you for your continued support and let's have a fantastic Spring Term!

Kindest regards, Miss McConville, Miss Fairclough and Mrs Harvey