

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to Year 3!
Please have a look over our curriculum for the
coming half term...



Our theme for this half term is: The Romans

Learning, Together for Life



Writing: Our new book is all about a hotel on Brighton Seafront, where magical and mythical creatures go to stay on holiday! We will become hotel reviewers as well as creating our own characters who visit the hotel!



Reading: This half term, we will be using 'Escape to Pompeii' and Weslandia as our main texts. We will continue to look at the different strands that make up our VIPERS and practise answering questions on these strands.



Maths: In Maths this half term we will be covering Weight, Capacity, Fractions of amounts, Money and beginning to teach Time. Please can you encourage your child to tell the time to the hour, half past and quarter to – this will be great revision before we move onto 1-minute intervals this year!



Science: Our topic this term is 'Plants'. Through different activities and experiments we will explore what plants need to survive and thrive. We will be looking at the life cycle of a flowering plant, and how seeds can be dispersed.



History/Geography: This half term our focus will be on History. We will think about what life was like in Roman Times. We will look at where the Romans originated, explore life in Roman Times and think about how they were successful in conquering such a large area of Europe.



Music: This half-term, the children will be using the keyboards to continue their musical learning. They will recognise the difference between major and minor keys, identify the home note and consider how to use them with good effect for a finished or unfinished feel. The children will also continue to revise their knowledge of notation, both through improvising over a given beat and following written compositions.



PSHE: This term, our topic is, "What makes a community?". We will be thinking about diversity and how to make everyone feel welcomed and included.



Computing: This half term we will be learning how to send emails within Purple Mash.



PE: This term, Damson class are finally off to their swimming lessons! In outdoor PE, our focus will be rounders and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.



RE: This term, the children will be investigating who has the authority to decide the consequences of wrongdoing. We will look at what Christians believe about forgiveness, why some Hindus choose to make good choices, look at some Jewish practices such as prayer and fasting, and some Humanist ideas about saying sorry.



Art & DT: We are very excited to use this term to bring our very own magical creatures to life! We will be designing and then creating our own creature out of clay. These creatures will be potential guests to stay at the Nothing To See Here Hotel.



MFL: This half term we will learn vocabulary for some fruit and vegetables, practise the position of adjectives in a French sentence and learn how adjectives change according to the noun they are describing.



Forest Schools: This half term, the children will be learning about the role flowers play in pollination and go on a flower hunt to look at the male and female parts of a flower. The children will also be making their own catapults and using their knowledge of forces to see how far they can fire a piece of paper!

If you have any questions at all please contact us via class dojo or catch us at the end of the school day.

Please consider some tracksuit bottoms and a top for PE in the colder weather. Children with long hair need to have it tied back and earrings need to be removed. Children need a water bottle daily. Please ensure all uniform is named. To help support your child's learning, please hear your child read daily for 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. These need to be brought to school on **Thursdays** to be checked by the class teacher.