

Year 3 Newsletter Lent 1



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful relaxing Christmas. Once again, we have a very exciting and busy term to look forward to.

In **Literacy** this half term, our writing topic is “Escape from Pompeii” linking our writing with our History topic. We will be looking at myths and other stories and information from the Roman era. In **Grammar**, we will continue with our discrete weekly sessions learning how adverbs and prepositions can be used to make our writing more interesting. Children will still have their home reading books and will visit the library or choose from our class library a book to read for pleasure. In **spellings** we continue learning the Year 3/4 words and learn about homophones, ei, eigh, ey words and the sub prefix.

Maths will continue with our focus on multiplication and division, moving on to length and perimeter.

We will also continue to test the children on their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables and related division facts. Please keep practising these using the TT Rockstars app.

In **Science** our topic is forces and magnets including comparing how things move on different surfaces and recognising that some forces need contact, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.

Our **RE** focus will first be on ‘Journeys’ where we will be thinking about our journeys through the seasons and how we can help others on their journeys. We will then move on to Sharing and Listening, a topic where we will reflect on how Jesus gave his ‘all’ for us.

In Computing , we will be using software to draw using 'turtle logo'. We will draw shapes using an algorithm to repeat instructions for our 'turtle'.	Our History topic is on the Romans and their influence on how we live today. Our big question will be - how did the Roman invasion affect Britain?
Our PHSE focus is on being safe; road safety and consent. We will think about how to make informed decisions and how to develop strategies to stay safe.	In Art and DT we will be learning to design and create a Roman mosaic and a Roman shield.
Our PE will continue with Swimming on a Monday and Gymnastics on a Thursday.	Our theme in French is 'The Seasons'. We will name the four seasons and how to describe the seasons.

As in last term homework will continue to be set every Friday and will be due in on or before the following Wednesday. This will be maths a piece of maths and literacy or a 'creative' or topic-based piece set in place of the literacy homework.

Spelling and times tables tests will take place on Friday. This half terms spellings were sent home at the beginning of term and here is a copy of the times tables we will be testing each Friday.

Date	Times Table to be tested
5/1	3s in order
12/1	3s out of order
19/1	3s out of order
26/1	Mix of 3s division
2/2	Mix of 3s division
9/2	Mix of 3s, 2s, 5s
16/2	Mix of 3s, 2s, 5s
HALF TERM	
1/3	4s in order
8/3	4s out of order
15/3	4s out of order
22/3	4s division

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via Dojo or email.

Kind Regards

Mrs Geary and Mrs Bastock