

## English

This term pupils will begin by learning to read and write explanation texts. Linking to their history topic of The Romans, they will be reading myths and legends and writing their own version of a Roman myth in the form of a comic book. As part of this they will also participate in a variety of drama activities. Just before half term we have a storyteller coming in and the pupils will work on their narrative writing as a follow up. This will then be followed by poetry, in particular free verse and the use of kennings. Finally, before the end of term they will learn about how information texts are structured. They will have the opportunity to read a variety of information texts before writing their own information booklet about the Romans. The pupils will continue to be given spellings to learn on a weekly basis and are expected to read at home every day.

## Science

We have two topics this term:

**Light and Shadows:** They will identify light sources and discuss the Sun. They will also investigate the transparency of various materials and the shadows they form.

**How does my garden grow?:** Pupils will study the parts of flowering plants and their functions, the conditions affecting plant growth and plants as living things. They will investigate how water is transported in plants. They will describe plant life cycles, in particular how seeds are formed, dispersed and germinate.

If you are a member of a local library, the children will benefit from borrowing books about these topics.

## Maths

In maths, pupils will learn to draw 2-D shapes, and make 3-D shapes using modeling materials. They will begin to identify right angles and say whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle. They will also learn how to tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. In fractions they will learn how to count up and down in tenths. They will also continue to work on mental and written addition and subtraction.

By the end of term we aim for the children to be able to use the 4 times table to learn the 8 times table; recall x2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 tables; use times tables to divide with remainders.

Please support your child in learning their multiplication tables at home. Children will be receiving weekly maths activities to do at home on the 'Mymaths' website.

## **Year 3 Spring term 2016 curriculum newsletter**



### Additional Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year!

This newsletter provides information about the curriculum coverage for the term ahead.

## Religious Education

This term in RE, pupils will learn about special places, in particular, churches. They will also read about different creation stories from Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

## Art/DI

In art, the children will learn how to make Roman style mosaics. In DI they will be making Roman chariots.

## Computing

Programming control

Using the internet

## PSHE/Citizenship

Our first topic is called 'Going for goals': Thinking about goal setting for the future. Our second topic is 'Getting on and falling out': How to deal with daily classroom and playground issues. We will also learn how to put into practice our school values and to respect our rights.

## French

French will be taught weekly. The children will learn how to talk about and describe their family as well as consolidating what they have learnt about numbers. They will also move onto months of the year.

## Games/PE

In their outdoor PE sessions they will be learning about net and wall games. They will be honing their dance skills for indoor PE. The children will need their full PE kit every day as PE times are often flexible. Please ensure all their kits are named and they have suitable footwear and a spare pair of socks.

## Music

All children will continue to learn to play the recorder.

## Humanities

This term the pupils will be learning all about the Romans!

## Home learning

Home learning will be handed out and returned on the following dates:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January- learning matrix due back Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February- learning matrix with learning log option due back Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- learning matrix due back Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March- learning matrix with learning log option due back Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

## Library days

3FL: Monday

3JM: Wednesday

3TM: Friday

3AM: Tuesday