



Year 3 – Spring 2024

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good rest over the holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

This term we will be starting our Romans unit, which will be the context across many of our curriculum areas. Throughout this topic, the children will learn about Boudicca, key events and life in Roman Britain, as well as the impact they had on life today.

In the first few weeks, the children will explore what it means to be an invader or settler and how the Romans were able to successfully settle in Britain. The second half of the term is our Geography unit which is 'Where does our food come from?' which you will see ties in nicely with our second Science topic below.

For Science, we are beginning our Light & Shadows topic. Across this topic, we will learn about how we need light to see, investigate how light reflects off surfaces and explore how shadows are created.

Throughout the unit the children will be coming up with their own investigations to test questions and develop their working scientifically skills. In the second half of the term, we will be moving onto food, diet, skeletons and muscles. This unit helps children learn about how their bodies work and how to look after their health.

Our DT unit is to design and build a castle using card, and we have begun to explore the features of castles already – the children have loved telling me all about their current knowledge and can't wait to get making!

Weekly timetable

Monday:

- Homework given (spelling words/times tables/optional)

Tuesday:

- PE (wear kit to school)

Thursday:

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- Spelling and tables tests

Friday:

- Homework books checked

Reading logs will be checked on a Monday and Diddi-Dots awarded for their bookmarks. If your child needs to change their book we will endeavour to allow time each day but this is not always possible.

In English and maths we will be covering the National Curriculum objectives.

English:

We will be looking at narrative with a focus on traditional tales. We will use the book *The Finger Eater* as the launch text this half term. We will be looking at punctuation for pace, varying sentence structures and using figurative language. We will also be looking at our second poetry unit and report writing in the second half term.

Maths:

In Maths, we will cover a range of topics including: money, position and direction, perimeter, calculations, fractions and data handling.

Other:

PE: This term PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday we will be doing dance in the hall and on Thursday we will be doing netball. After half term we will be doing dance and dodgeball.

Computing: The children will be looking at the unit: *Creating Media: Animation & Desktop Publishing*

Music: The children will be creating compositions with the theme 'Mountains'. After half term they will be developing their singing technique with the theme 'The Vikings'

RE: This term we will be looking at 'What do we know about Jesus?' and then after half term, 'Jewish celebrations'

PSHE: This will be covered in a range of different areas, including: assemblies, discussions in class and PSHE lessons. This term we will be looking at 'Dreams & Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.