

Computing

- We will be focussing on basic computing skills needed for word processing, such as fonts, colour and size, copy, cut and paste, bullet points, aligning and inserting and editing images.

PSHE

- We will continue with a range of resilience and mental well being activities. We will also look at keeping safe and anti bullying.

Year Three Newsletter

We have lots more exciting things planned for this half term!



Science

- Our new topic is Forces & Magnets, starting with exploring pushes and pulls.
- There will be lots of practical activities to measure forces and investigate friction.
- We will explore how magnets work and will design our own investigations.
- We will also use our scientific knowledge and skills to make magnetic games !

English

- Work based on Dr. Xargle's Book of Earth Hounds to develop our use of more detailed sentences and report writing.
- Dialogue and characterisation in story writing, based on the book 'Little Rabbit Lost.'
- Poetry – kennings, winter and haikus.
- Spellings will continue to be sent home every week. Key words (sent home this week) should be practised throughout the term/year.

Music

- Developing confidence in musical improvisation using simple rhythmic and melodic patterns, through the use of body, voice and instruments.

Art

- 'Fauvism' style landscapes.
- Designing and painting Roman shields.
- Mosaics.

Spanish

- Learning nouns for pencil case items.
- Whether nouns are masculine or feminine.
- The verb forms tengo (I have) and es (it is).
- Practising pronunciation.

PE

- Tag Rugby (non-contact). Key skills will include catching, passing, attacking, defending, tagging and working as a team.
- The children will also continue with activities to develop their fitness levels, including '60 second challenges' and the 'daily mile.'

Maths

- Daily lessons including one main session and one short fluency session.
- Our focus this term is on multiplication and division.
- The children will continue to use a range of resources to develop their understanding and to talk about their methods and reasoning.
- We will start the Maths Challenge next week which focuses on essential skills such as number bonds and times tables.

History

- Our topic is 'The Romans in Britain.' We will find out about the invasions of Julius Caesar and Claudius, the Romans versus the Celts, Roman soldiers, why the Roman army was so successful and Boudica's rebellion. We will also look at what the Romans left behind.

RE

- We will study how people might describe God, religion and the arts, religious symbolism and Christmas.

PE

Year 3 will usually have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, although the children need to have their PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change.

Lessons will continue to take place outside for the moment so please make sure they have trainers, and joggers and a sweatshirt/hoodie for the colder weather. Remember socks please if girls are wearing tights. Earrings should be covered with the child's own tape or removed.

Reminders

& Extra Information



Some things to prepare!

You will need a fairly thick piece of card (the kind that is used for packaging) to make your Roman shield. Don't decorate it – we will do this in school. It needs to be approximately 60 x 35cm. More details will be sent out next week.

You will also need a shoe box or shoe box lid (or similar) for your magnetic game later in the term. I will let you know when you need to bring this in.

Reading at Home

We will continue to send reading books home and these can be brought back in to be changed on any day. Children should read at least 3 times a week and this needs to be recorded in their reading record. Every child also has a reading book in school for 1:1 reading with an adult or for independent reading.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

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Homework

Homework will consist of weekly spellings, reading, TT Rock Stars and practising maths skills for the year 3 challenge.

Mrs Holt will set a whole school challenge every month (detailed in the school newsletter). November's is finding out about a famous person in history. Children will be awarded a certificate and prize for completing these challenges! Year 3 did really well with the October book review challenge. Keep up the good work!

Useful Websites

Roman Britain <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqtf34j>

More Romans and scroll down for a Horrible Histories game <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zft6wty>

Magnets <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyttvrd>

Maths Activities <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>

Lots of information on a range of subjects and topics <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Times Table Rock Stars and Spanish Websites

Children were given their login details for TT Rock Stars last term. This is essential for practising times tables. If you haven't yet had a go, please do!

Last half term, I mentioned the languagenut website. We are no longer using this, but Mrs Kay is looking for a Spanish games website. I will keep you updated!