

### Computing

- Our new topic is 'Animation.' We will make our own flip books and then use the app 'imotion' on the ipads to create stop frame animations linked to our Romans topic.

### PSHE

- Our new unit is 'Celebrating Differences' and will include discussion and activities based on families and their differences, managing conflicts and bullying.

### English

- Reading a selection of books with a fables theme and then writing our own by creating characters, setting and plot.
- Writing non-chronological reports inspired by the book, 'Incredible Jobs You've (Probably) Never Heard Of!'
- Spellings will continue to be sent home every week.
- Handwriting to continue to develop letter formation and joins.

### Maths

- Daily main lessons as well as short fluency sessions.
- We will finish our unit on addition and subtraction and then move onto multiplication and division which will include times tables, written methods and problem solving.
- We have been doing very well with our weekly maths challenge with lots of certificates being awarded. Keep practising! Facts need to be learnt by heart (there is not time to work them out when completing the challenge in school).



## Year Three Newsletter

Hello everyone, welcome back!  
We have lots more exciting things planned for this half term! It's also that time of year when we need to start rehearsing for our Christmas Play!



### Music

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

### Art/DT

- Drawing with a 'fossils' themes.
- Making Moving Monsters to learn about pneumatics – please bring in an egg box for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November (6 egg size). It needs your name on it and the label removed please.



### 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!



### PE

- A Dance unit on the theme of 'Machines.' (Thursdays – indoor kit needed).
- Tag Rugby which will be led by coaches from Stevenage Football Academy. (Wednesdays – outdoor kit needed).
- Please see the PE equipment/ reminders box on the next page.



### 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 Boudicca'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.

### Equipment & Reminders

Please make sure that all clothing is named, including coats and PE kits. PE kits should be in a named drawstring bag. PE trainers should also be kept in this bag (or a separate one if needed. If your trainers have laces, please make that you can tie and undo them yourself. If girls are wearing tights, please remember socks. If possible, it is best not to wear earrings on PE days, otherwise these must be covered with tape brought in from home. As the weather turns colder, please make sure that you have joggers and a sweatshirt for outdoor lessons.



### Spanish

The children have made an excellent start to learning another language!

They will continue their lessons with Ms Fernandez on Monday mornings and will have the opportunity to speak, read and write in Spanish.



### Drinks & Snacks

Please make sure you bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water (no juice please) every day. This will really help with your learning! Bottles can be refilled throughout the day. Playtime fruit is not provided in year 3, but you are very welcome to bring your own fruit/healthy snack for playtime. Lunchtime is later in key stage 2 so you will probably need a snack to keep you going!

### Home Learning Tasks

Weekly spellings based on our phonics work each week will be sent home on Fridays and tested in school on the following Thursday.

You should read at home as much as possible and these sessions should be recorded and signed by an adult in your reading record. Books can be changed on any day of the week (as long as you can read it fluently and talk about the story).

Practising for the weekly maths challenge. Try to aim for a certificate every 2 weeks!

TT Rock Stars or Hit The Button. Aim for a few 10-15 minute sessions a week to help you develop your maths skills.

Sometimes, additional tasks may be handed out. These could be based on any subject area.

You are also very welcome to carry out your own research by using books or the world wide web (with your adult's permission).

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

You can make an appointment for after school, or have a brief chat with any of the year 3 staff at the classroom door. We are always happy to help!

You can also contact me on the address below.  
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### 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/zft6wtv>

Magnets

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39>

Maths Activities

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

Lots of information on a range of subjects

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Don't forget to look on Google Classroom – you will find all the above links there, as well as the websites, film clips and activities that we have already used in class so far.