

**Year Three Spring 2 Newsletter**

We hope that everyone has had a well-deserved break. We have lots more exciting learning planned for this half term. World Book Day activities include a production of the Little Princess on Friday 8th March. Children can dress as an animal on 29th February to celebtrate this year being a leap year! We also look forward to parents and carers coming in to see the children’s work on that morning.

**Science**

We will finish off our ‘Healthy Eating and Healthy Bodies topic’ by looking at how our joints and muscles work, and then choosing questions for our own investigations about the body.

We will then start a new topic on ‘Light and Shadows,’ which will include exploring how shadows are made and finding out which materials make the best reflectors.

**Computing**

Our new topic is ‘Branching Databases.’ We will use a database to group and identify objects and to answer questions.

**PSHE**

Our new unit is ‘Healthy Me ’ and will include discussion and activities based on exercise, food labelling and healthy swaps, and keeping safe.

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**PE**

We are hoping for good weather so we can go outside for a range of tennis skills and activities!

We will also start a new dance unit in which we will create phrases inspired by the movements of ‘machines.’

English

* Descriptive and report writing based on the book ‘The Atlas of Adventures.’ The children will create a leaflet with a geography focus.
* For World Book Day, the whole school will watch a performance of The Little Princess on 8th March. Our English for the following week will be based on this.
* We will then complete a range of reading and writing activities based on ‘The Spider and the Fly’ by Mary Howitt.

**Music**

* A weekly music lesson with Mr. Mitchell.

**Art**

Comparing French street artist ‘Invader’ and Roman Mosaics, including making our own mosaics.

 **DT**

* Designing and making a sandwich using a selection of healthy fillings.

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**Maths**

* We will start the half-term with a range of work on fractions and then move on to mass and capacity.
* We will also continue with our fluency sessions to develop and consolidate essential maths skills such as tables and number bonds.
* The ‘Maths Challenge’ will continue every Tuesday. Please keep practising regularly. Can you get a certificate every 2 weeks?
* Don’t forget to have a go on TT Rockstars. We will have a girls v boys battle soon and then we will challenge another class.

**History**

Our new topic is The Romans in our Local Area. This will include: using real and replica Roman objects as evidence, how having a bath in Roman times compares to today, a trip to the Roman Baths and Mill Green Museum on 13th March and more on Roman life including houses, food and games.

**RE**

We will look at the Easter story and Easter customs and traditions.





**Spanish**

Children will continue to ask and answer questions about what I and others have with a wider range of vocabulary. They will develop their understanding of gender agreements using singular definite and indefinite articles. A shift in focus towards the use of verbs will enable the children to talk about what I and others do which, as always, will be taught through speaking, listening, reading and writing.



* Please make sure that you bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water every day. These can be refilled in school.
* Remember that you can also bring a healthy snack for play time.

**PE**

Year 3 will usually have PE on Mondays and Thursdays, although the children need to have both their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change. We checked PE kits last term as part of our clothing assemblies - some children were missing items. Please check that they do have everything by referring to the list on the webite. Earrings should be covered with the child’s own tape or removed, although it is easier not to wear earrings on P.E days.

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**Useful Websites – others will be added to gogole classroom though out the half term.**

Muscles for Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7x78xs/articles/zpbxb82>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm/articles/ztwcbqt>

**Maths Activities** Includes ‘Hit the Button’ which is great for number bonds and doubling and halving as well as times tables. [**https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3**](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3)There is also a link to this site on google classroom.

[**https://play.ttrockstars.com/**](https://play.ttrockstars.com/)Children have their own password – please ask if you need a reminder.

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr)(or just search BBC Dance Mat). This really helps to develop touch typing skills – no password needed.

**<https://www.welwynromanbaths.co.uk/explore> Find out** about the history of the baths, take a virtual tour or explore the objects

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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**Home Learning Tasks**

Weekly spellings based on our work in school will be sent home on Fridays and tested in school on the following Thursday. There will be a spelling shed activity each week which links to the main class spelling work.

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). Library books can be borrowed as well.

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.

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

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