
Autumn 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome to Year 3 and the Autumn Term!

We wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

Reading – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success, so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading - so snuggle up and get reading together. We will be focusing on developing a range of reading skills in Year 3 including: reading fluently and with expression; answering questions about the text including using inference and choosing appropriate books that interest them. Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Children who achieve this will get a sticker/stamp in their reading record. They will also receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our new vending machine. This will be checked on a Friday so please begin a new page in the reading record every Friday.

PE - Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week!

Homework

Spelling Shed – there will be 2 games per week, one to practise the pattern taught that week and one for the Tricky words your child is working on. 10 minutes, 4 times a week is ideal.

Times Table Rockstars – Encourage your child to play on Garage. This is where we will set the children the tables they need to be working on and this will record the data for us to analyse (jamming allows the children to choose whichever times tables they would like to practise). Again, little and often is best.

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Contact Details: - If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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Dates for your diary

Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
– Wednesday 27th
September

Romans and Celts Day –
Tuesday 10th October

Harvest Festival – Friday 6th
October

Friday 20th October INSET

Parent's Evenings – Tuesday
7th November and
Thursday 9th November

Friendly Friday 3rd
November

Book Fair - Week beginning
20th November

History

Life in Iron Age Britain and Ancient Rome



The Roman invasion of Britain

Legacy of the Romans

This Half Term our topics are:



Here come the Romans!

and

Light, shadow and reflection

Science

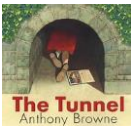
We need light in order to see things

Light is reflected from surfaces

Investigate how shadows are formed

Understand that light from the sun can be dangerous

English



Anthony Brown (the Tunnel and Into the Forest)

Writing an action narrative

Writing a non-fiction recount of an exciting day

Daily, whole class, reading lessons

Weekly lessons on spelling patterns and opportunities throughout the week to practise common exception words.

We will focus on writing clear and well - punctuated sentences with correctly formed handwriting.

PSHE

Me and my relationships

Learning all about friendships

(falling out and making up)



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RE

What is the Bible's big story and why is it like treasure for Christians?



The Bible tells one big (unfinished) story with links between the old and new testament, and key parts focusing on Jesus.

Maths

Place value numbers up to 1,000

Partitioning numbers to 1000

Comparing and ordering numbers

Locating numbers on a number line

Addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers

Problem solving, reason and explaining using all of the skills above



PE



Football

Gymnastics

Computing

E safety

SMART online rules

Art

Shading and sketching

How is shading used to create tone in drawings

Use different methods to show tone and texture in drawing

Experiment with different types of pencils



Music

Here come the Romans – singing together

Recognising and composing motifs

Spanish

Greetings

Saying your name

