



Spring

# YEAR 3

## NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

## CORE SUBJECTS

### Maths

In the first part of the term we will investigate and apply our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will be particularly focussing on our knowledge of times tables. This term we will be making sure we have a secure knowledge of the 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be learning our 3 times table and using our four times table to help us with learning our eights.

We will go on to look at money. We will recap counting money and will also be using what we have learnt in the Autumn term to add and subtract different amounts. We will be finding amounts of change.

After this, we will move on to looking at measurement, specifically length and perimeter

Home learning each week should include practice of times tables using TT Rockstars or [timetables.co.uk](http://timetables.co.uk).

### English

This term we will start by writing a finding tale, linked to the story 'Star in the Jar'. Through this, we will continue to learn about different sentence types, as well as how we can make our writing even more engaging with techniques such as similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

We will then move on to looking more at poetry, taking part in a whole school poetry unit and developing our use of vocabulary.

We will look at adventure stories, focusing on 'The Secret of Black Rock', before writing a narrative diary linked to our Roman topic.

### Science

We are starting this term by looking at rocks and fossils, comparing and classifying different types of rocks and fossils and learning about how they are formed and where they are found.

In the second part of the term we will be investigating forces and magnets; looking at those materials that are and are not magnetic, and at how forces can make things move on different surfaces.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

### Computing

Children will learn how to search the internet appropriately and safely. They will learn to find and use copyright free material to create presentations on a country of choice. We will be using key words to search for information and then will use this information to create our own presentations.

We will learn how to insert photographs and record a narration.

We will continue to use typing club to improve our word processing skills.

## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

### Music & French

In Music we will be focusing on Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

During French we will be learning the vocabulary for body parts, months of the year, and clothes. We will continue to practice counting to ten and will move onto numbers up to 30.

### RE & PSHE

In the Spring Term, the children will be learning about the Gospels and the kind of world that Jesus wanted. We will also be investigating the meaning of Salvation and why the day that Jesus died on the cross is known as 'Good Friday'.

During PSHE lessons we will look at rights and responsibilities. After half term our theme will be around how we can be the best we can be!

### Geography

This half-term we will be studying the different continents, oceans and countries of the world and identifying the different physical and human geographical features.

In the second half of the term we will be expanding on our study of rocks and fossils to look at our extreme Earth and investigating the forces and natural processes involved in the formation of mountains and rivers, earthquakes and volcanoes.

### History

We move on from our study of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age to the Romans and the impact the invasion by the Roman Empire had on Britain.

Children will study Roman artefacts and the lives of the Romans in Rome and in Britain.

### Art & D&T

Our theme for this term is Pattern-which will involve creating our own patterns and tessellations inspired by Roman mosaics and other artists such as Escher.

We will use techniques of both collage and printing to create our artwork.

In D&T we will be using pneumatics to make moving models.