



Year 3 Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year to all of our families! The children have made an excellent start to the Spring term and are enjoying our new science and history units. Here is some information about some of the learning which will take place this term and other important information. If you have any questions please feel free to email us!

English

To begin this term we are focusing on the book 'Leaf' before moving on to 'The Tin Forest'.

Well done to the children who have been reading some of the recommended reads. Please remember the books are available to borrow from school.

By now your child will know what colour band book they are on and many have moved on since September, great! It is still vital that our Y3 children read to an adult as much as possible- and ideally every day. Asking your child questions about what they have read will also help them in the comprehension and understanding of the text- a skill which is so important in ALL aspects of the curriculum. We would really appreciate it if you would continue to encourage you child to bring in their reading books and diaries every day.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division (3x, 4x, 8x). It would be great if you could practise these times tables at home to improve fluency. Later in the term, we will also be focusing on length and perimeter.

We highly recommend the following free websites/apps to support your child's number skills:

- TT Rockstars (login is in your child's reading diary).
- Hit the Button (Number bonds to 100, 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, 10x tables, doubles/halves).
- One minute Maths (White Rose)

We will begin to send home maths homework each week on a Wednesday and the hand-in date will be every Monday. We appreciate your support with this.

Learning Adventures

Our history stimulus for this term is, 'How powerful was the Roman empire?' Throughout this unit, children will be learning about the Romans and their way of life. To start this topic off we have an exciting virtual reality experience! Additionally, we have got a trip planned to Wroxeter Roman City (with more information to follow in the coming weeks).

Our Science question this half term is, 'Can you throw a shadow?' During this unit, children will learn about light, the absence of light, shadows and how we can protect our eyes. Next half term, our science question will be 'What makes our forest school grow?' In this topic, children will learn about the parts of a flower, the requirements for a plant to live and grow and why we water plants.

Routines

Outdoor PE will continue to take place on a **Wednesday** and **indoor PE** will take place on a **Thursday**. Children can come to school in PE kit on these days.

Dates for the diary

Friday 13th January – Roman VR experience

Thursday 19th January – 3Harrison (3T) class assembly parents welcome.

Week of 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tues 7th February - Safer Internet Day (information to follow)

Week of 13th February - Spring Parents' Consultation Meetings (details to follow)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (detail to follow)

Fri 17th March - Red Nose Day

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