

A very happy New Year to you all... I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas too; a very well deserved Christmas!

This is my half term Newsletter that tells you a little bit about what your wonderful children are going to be learning about.

Of course, this term is 'What Did the Romans Do for Us'. Interestingly, this topic spreads itself across History, Geography, R.E, Science and Maths.



### Maths

In Maths, your children will link their learning to the topic by focusing on Roman Numerals; this will be towards the end of the term. Also, we will be focusing on Place Value which is really important for your child's Mental Maths, Money, Addition and Subtraction. In Year 3, we use numbers up to 1000. You can help by practising Time Tables because it's basically repeated addition and also to involve your children in situations like counting out the money to pay for something. Real life situations where they have to use their Maths skills is an incredible way for them to practise.



### English

In English, your children are learning about non-chronological reports and linking their learning to the theme, Harry Potter. We will be looking at a combination of the Harry Potter Studio Tour website, the film (Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone) and the book. Your children will also be comparing the book and the film. By the end of this, your child will be able to plan and write their own non-chronological report.



### Science



In Science, your children are Petrologists (researchers of rocks). We will be looking at different types of rocks by conducting lots of experiments that will determine what the rock types are. We are also looking at how rocks are formed and how we can tell how old they are.

### History

Of course, we are learning about the Romans and what Britain was like before the Romans came. We go back to 500 BCE (Before the Common Era) which was approximately 500 years before Jesus was born. In History, we combine it with English by writing about certain events and drama (acting out the story of Romulus and Remus), Art, Geography and Maths (time Lines). It is safe to say that we will be very busy in Year 3.



### Geography



In Geography, we are learning about the United Kingdom and everything in it from mountains and rivers to counties and cities. This links in with cities that have been named after the Romans like Chester etc.

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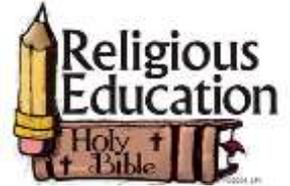
### Physical Education



On Thursday afternoons, we will be looking at invasion games and the skills that are needed in order to play a game correctly and safely. Safety is a huge part of our lessons so that your children can recognise risk around a court or in a space. In addition, I will be doing some team work building exercises that will help the children come together and work as a team.

### Religious Education

This half term, our cloths have changed colour from white to green which represents the part of the Liturgical Calendar that we are in. We are in Ordinary Time which lasts from January 15<sup>th</sup> up to Ash Wednesday. So, Year 3 are being reflective as they learn about different Bible stories and relate them to their lives.



### Modern Foreign Languages



This half term, Mrs Spacey is recapping the French that the children have learnt so far. We try to use as much French as possible during the day, especially during the register.

### Music

Our Music lessons are led by our very own Music specialist, Miss Mallinson, every Wednesday morning.

### Spellings & Times Tables.



Spellings and Times Tables are tested every Friday morning after our Star Award assembly. Your child will be given their new spellings and times table each Friday, ready to be tested the following Friday. Each week, we will write these into their Homework Book. You can help your child by practicing both every night for a couple of minutes. Don't forget, each spelling list is at the back of your child's Reading Diary.



### Homework



Homework is handed out every Friday (either Maths or English) and it is to be handed in on the following Friday. Homework will be on the work that we have learnt in class during the week, so there shouldn't be anything that the children don't already know. Most importantly, if your child is struggling with their homework, then please encourage them to come and see me as soon as they possibly can so that I can go over it with them.

Please come in to see me after school if you have any issues or concerns, or make an appointment through the office. You are always welcome into our classroom.

Kindest regards,

Miss Burdett