

## **Dear Parents,**

The Year 3 team would like to wish you a very Happy New Year! I hope that the holidays were very enjoyable for you and that your child is feeling refreshed and looking forward to what I hope will be a happy and successful term.

### **Class Routines**

Here are some reminders of the weekly routine in Year 3:

- Homework is given out on a Monday and expected in on a Friday.
- Spellings are given out on a Monday and the test is the following Monday.
- Reading Records are checked daily and there is a basket in the classroom for children to place them in if their books need changing. Children should be reading at least 3 times a week with an adult.
- Reading Passports are checked on a Thursday.
- Swimming is on Thursday, PE on Wednesday.

### ***Overarching Theme - Through the Keyhole (Celts and Romans)***

#### **Maths**

In Maths we will be starting with statistics (collecting and interpreting data), then will move on to Measurement- money, length and perimeter. We will also revise multiplication and division and fractions. As always in maths, we will be focusing on fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

#### **Literacy**

Our literacy is linked into our topic work, with the intention of providing the children with a cross-curricular creative learning journey. This term we will produce:

- A myth/legend based on the legend of Romulus and Remus (The founders of Rome).
- A recount of our school trip to Chedworth Roman Villa.
- A set of instructions on how to make Roman Mosaic tiles.

#### **Science**

This term in Science we will cover:

- Light and Shadows
- Forces and Magnets

#### **Computing**

In Computing this term, we will mostly be focusing on scratch and fixing bugs.

#### **PHSCE**

Weekly Circle Time Sessions review the Golden Rules and explore any issues arising within the term as well as addressing our whole school topic of 'It's not fair' and 'People Around Us.'

#### **History**

Our History topic of the Celts and Romans will be taught throughout most other subject areas. Our learning will include:

- Who were the Celts/Romans?
- Why was the Roman Army so successful?
- Who was Boudicca and why is she famous?
- What was Roman Life like?
- What did the Romans do for us?
- Why did the Romans leave Britain?

We will also be taking our learning to the Woods this term- the scene of a Roman battle between Celts and Romans.

#### **Music**

In Music we will be looking at music throughout history, focusing on chanting and creating our own war chants.

# What are Year 3 learning about this term?

## Through the Keyhole (Celts and Romans)

### *Art and Design & Technology*

Our Artwork this term will be a mixture of 2D and 3D pieces:

- Roman shields using collage;
- Portraits of Boudicca;
- Map making;
- Roman mosaic
- In DT we will be designing and making Roman Purses.

### *Physical Education*

P.E. lessons are currently on Wednesdays with swimming on Thursdays.

After February half term, there will not be any more swimming and so we will return to having P.E. on Thursdays. Children are advised to keep their P.E. kits in school all week. Our P.E. is gymnastics and dance- as we prepare for the Country Dance Festival at Stratford Park Festival.

### *R.E.*

We will continue to have R.E. Days this term- our next two fill focus on the following key questions:

- 1) What is it like for someone to follow God?
- 2) How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

### Dates for your Diary

13<sup>th</sup> March- Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

30<sup>th</sup> April- Country Dance Festival

(Letters to follow nearer the time.)



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