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How can you help your child?

- Children will practice times tables every week within class. If possible, quiz your child on these and encourage them to learn them.
- We will start looking at more complex spelling rules and patterns to aid their spelling, as well as bridge any gaps in their knowledge from the previous year.
- Every week your child has the opportunity to choose an accelerated reader book to bring home. Please continue to read with your child and try to encourage them to talk about the books and enjoy the reading experience together. We aim to change books on a regular basis. Please send your child in with the book when they have completed it.
- At the end of each day ask your child what they have been learning and encourage them to tell you all about their day.

Year 3 Autumn Term

Welcome back! It is so lovely to see all your smiling faces. We hope that you and your child are ready for the new term in Year 3!

This term we will continue to keep you updated about how your child is doing in school with messages on Marvellous Me.

The children have shown great enthusiasm for learning in their first week, so let's keep up the good work and continue to strive for success.

Year 3's school day begins at 9:05am and finishes at 3:20pm



Members of Staff

3AP

Miss Porter (Class Teacher)
Miss Bell

3HK

Mrs Makan (Class Teacher)
Mrs Plesczka

Mr Mahmood will also be working between both classes for autumn term.

English

This half term, our class text is 'Escape from Pompeii'.

Through reading our class book, the children will develop the vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills required to produce detailed descriptions of characters and settings, which will lead onto exploring adventure stories.

We will read list poems to aid with writing our own about the features of Naples, supported by experience lessons in geography. These poems will include powerful vocabulary and descriptive language.

During reading sessions, we will be focusing on different types of questions and the skills needed to answer these.

Science

During this first half term, we will be learning all about forces and magnets.

We shall explore how much force is required to move objects, as well as the force of gravity. The children will explore the strength of magnets and how they work on various materials through scientific discussions and reasoning.

Within the second half of this term, the children will be learning about light. This will include how light is needed to see things and how shadows are formed. They will investigate this using the sun and their own shadows to understand how shadows are formed and how the size of them changes.

Theme

In Geography, this term we are learning to identify, name and locate countries within continents. This includes Europe with a focus on Italy.

Our History topic is the Romans and how Pompeii was destroyed.

We shall order events of the past and look at how they have changed Rome over time.

As part of D&T and art, we will be creating our own Roman shield and a collage of Mount Vesuvius, including the eruption.

RE & PSHE

This term in PSHE, children are learning about respect and how they should treat others as well as recognising their own emotions.

We will discuss how to deal with different situations which could affect us.

Our RE topic for the term will be looking at the religion Sikhism. The children will learn about their beliefs and practices.

Useful Websites:

- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories
- www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to use SMART Maths. We shall focus on mathematical concepts such as arithmetic through maths stories and reasoning through problem solving.

In number, our focus is using all four operations confidently with whole numbers and fractions.

We will encourage the children to apply both practical and written methods that they know, to work out maths stories.

We will work on all areas of mathematics, including those missed in Year 2

One of the main areas taught in Year 3, is telling the time. We would appreciate your support with this by encouraging your child to practice telling the time.

Don't Forget...

Year 3's school day begins at 9:05am and finishes at 3:20pm

On PE days, please ensure your child comes to school wearing the appropriate kit.

PE for Year 3 is on a Wednesday

As the weather will start to get colder, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school.