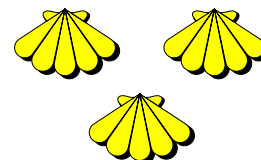


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Year 3 - Green Class

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English we will be working in blocks to develop our skills in writing fairy tales, explanations and poems as well as information writing through our History link and performance poetry. Alongside the writing focus we will also be enjoying books by our class author, Dick King Smith and concentrating on our story structure and punctuation. The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be weekly handwriting and spelling/phonics lessons and assessments.

In Maths we will be continuing to improve our knowledge of written methods of all four operations, with a specific focus on multiplication and division, and to apply those skills in solving real life problems. We will be extending our knowledge of length, mass and volume. We will learn to estimate and measure in a variety of units.

In Science we will be learning about healthy diets and different food groups. The children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and the impact on our health. They will learn about the function of different nutrients and in which foods we can find certain nutrients. Further to human diets the children will also learn about animal diets. Children will also classify animals as omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. Children will learn about muscles and skeletons of different mammals and how they move.

In History the children will explore the key features of a typical Roman town, villas as well as families living in the town. They will look at the developments that were made during the period and discuss together which made the biggest impact on the standard of living. Children will also learn about Boudicca and the rise and fall of her reign.

In Geography we will learn about rivers. In addition, we will look at mountains, the source of many rivers, and how it is underpinned by the water cycle. We look at how people interact with rivers as well as their geographical features.



Art and DT will be linked to our Roman topics and we will be looking at Roman pottery and Roman designs.

Mrs Hundley will be continuing with our music programme for this half term.

In ICT we will be continuing to use the computer suite twice a week. During this time, we will be looking at how to develop our skills. We will be learning how to safely search for relevant information about our topics, edit and adapt the information and how we can best use the results. We will learn how to set up a spreadsheet with formulae to suit our task.

In R.E. we will be studying events in the life of Jesus. We will be looking at his life, his growing up and the stories he told to support his teachings. Later in the term we will be looking at stories of the lives of key religious people, the significance of these in their own lives and in the lives of believers today.

In P.E. we will be doing indoor/outdoor games which will be on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, navy shorts/skorts and trainers, all clearly labelled. Please also ensure that your child has a blue tracksuit if it is slightly wet and cold. The second PE session of the week will be swimming on Friday mornings starting 20th January. After half term we will continue with PE on a **Friday**.

We will be continuing to learn French each week for half an hour using learning games, songs and drama to learn simple phrases and vocabulary as well investigating French culture.

This term your child will have spellings each week relating to ones we are learning in class. This will be recorded in their spelling books. Other homework will be sent home on Mondays and is due back in on the following Monday. Also please carry on reading with your child each night. It really does make a difference.

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle with a **lift up lid**, as it is not always possible to go to the water fountain in school.

I am sure that you will support your child in the best way, but if there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please aim to be on the playground for just after 8.40am so we are ready to line up when the bell goes at 8.50am to make a good start to the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Rall
Class teacher

