

Year 3 – Willow and Rowan

English

In English we will be reading *Romans on the Rampage* by Jeremy Strong, and will learn about the legend of Romulus and Remus. We will create our own newspaper reports based on our history learning about Romans in Britain. We will use lots of non-fiction texts to support us with our history learning.

We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar through the discrete teaching of different concepts, including the use of adjectives and verbs.



The children will either continue with their daily phonics learning or will be learning a new spelling rule in their spelling lessons. The focus words will also be available to learn at home on "Spelling Shed" over the internet. We will check these weekly at school.

RE

This half term we will be looking at Christianity and will be focusing on the concept, People of God. We will answer the question; What is it like for Christians to follow God? We will look at the story of Noah and Abraham and learn that Christians believe that God makes covenants with his people and people make covenants with God.

The Romans

We will find out how The Romans invaded Britain and how they contributed to life in Britain. We will compare and contrast how people lived. We will develop our knowledge



and understanding of chronology by producing timelines. We will learn about Roman settlements and will visit the Roman Baths!

Maths

In maths we are continuing with multiplication and division unit of learning. Children will learn how to write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including 2-digit numbers times 1-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods. We will then move on to length and perimeter. We will recap on measuring metres and centimetres from Year 2 and will introduce millimetres. We will look at the equivalent lengths of each unit of measurement.

Times tables

The children will continue to consolidate their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables this half term and will practise multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

Times tables should be practised at home daily if possible. The children can learn them in many ways including "TTRockstars", for which they have passwords. You can find these in their reading records. There are also many great songs on Youtube to which they can sing along to help learn the tables.

Children will be tested on their times table knowledge at the end of Year 4, so it is good to get the practise in now!

Geography



In geography we will focus on physical geography and will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes.



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We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and the children are refreshed and ready to learn. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to, including our trip to the Roman Baths!

Science

We will learn about forces and will perform experiments to see different forces in action.



Fruit

Fruit is not provided for Year 3 children as it was in Key Stage 1 and so please provide your child with fruit or vegetable snack for playtime.



NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS IS ALLOWED

Art/Computing/ French/PSHE

In art we will learn how to weave and will create our own narrow wool bookmark. In computing we will introduce sequencing and will make a representation of a piano using Scratch. Our topic in French is 'All about me' and in PSHE we will look at our 'Dreams and Goals' and identify ways of overcoming obstacles.

PE

Monday – Class PE

Thursday – PE with Mr Croucher

Please make sure your child brings in their PE bag on Monday morning, which will be kept in school and sent home on Thursday each week to wash over the weekend.

PE kit should be provided for your child as follows:

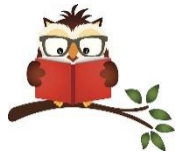
- Plain black shorts or leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- A red t-shirt or white t-shirt.
- Grey, red or black socks.
- A red sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Black plimsolls (daps).

No jewellery is to be worn on PE days. Also, watches will need to be removed for PE.

Mr Croucher will take each class for PE once a week and will continue to develop the children's fundamental skills and applying them to competitive games. During our class PE sessions we will be focusing movement patterns and dance.

Reading

We will continue to develop the children's comprehension skills by asking them questions about the texts they are reading. The children will also complete comprehension activities during English sessions.



Individual Reading

Your child will continue receive a home reading book for them to read. Please continue to comment on their progress in their reading records. Those who receive a RWI phonics book will have their book changed approximately every three days once they have finished the next book in their phonics lesson. For the children who are reading from the book band books or Year 3 challenge list; it is their responsibility to let us know when their book needs changing by putting it in the box at the start of the day.

Homework

We would like the children to continue to read at home, daily if possible! They are able to access their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed and practise their times tables on TTRockstars.

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