



Spring

# YEAR 3

## NEWSLETTER

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

## CORE SUBJECTS

### Maths

In the first part of the term we will continue to build on our prior learning of multiplication and division. We will be learning how to use the formal written methods for these calculations.

We will also be looking at measuring lengths and perimeters and learning to measure in mms, cms and metres and identifying equivalent lengths.

After half term we will be learning more about fractions. Children will be learning the key vocabulary associated with fractions and will be able to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.

To complete the Spring term we will be looking at mass and capacity.

Please continue to practice times tables using TTRS.

### English

This term we will start by writing a finding tale, linked to the story 'Star in the Jar'. Through this, we will continue to learn about different sentence types, as well as how we can make our writing even more engaging with techniques such as similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

For non-fiction, we will be reading biographies, finding out about Mary Anning, the fossil hunter- which will link to our Science topic on Fossils.

After half-term, we will look at adventure stories, focusing on 'The Secret of Black Rock', before writing a narrative diary linked to our Roman topic.

### Science

We are starting this term by looking at fossils. We will learn about how fossilisation occurs and will be considering what we can learn about animals that have been fossilised.

We will then be looking at soils and comparing them. We will be working on a science experiment during this unit and children will learn how to plan and carry out fair tests.

After half term we will be focussing on light. Children will learn about how we see and how shadows are created. Again, during this unit children will plan to find out why shadows change shape.

### Computing

We will be looking at how presenters work in computing this half term and children will be filming their own videos.

Following half term we will continue with online safety, focusing on how to use the internet safely and being aware of our digital footprint.

## FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

### Music & French

In Music we will be focusing on Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

During French we will be learning the vocabulary for countries and to describe the things that we like. We will continue to practice our colours and counting to ten and will move onto numbers up to 20.

### RE & PSHE

In the Spring Term, the children will be learning about the Gospels and the kind of world that Jesus wanted. We will also be investigating the meaning of Salvation and why the day that Jesus died on the cross is known as 'Good Friday'.

During PSHE lessons we will look at rights and responsibilities. After half term our theme will be around how we can be the best we can be!

### History

We move on from our study of the Stone Age and follow that timeline of Britain to the Roman Invasion in AD43.

Children will study the rise and expansion of the Roman Empire and the impact and legacy of its invasion of Britain.

We will be going on a School Trip to Colchester Castle at the end of the first half term- look out for more information about this.

After half term we will be learning about the Egyptians. We will look at what they believed and how they built the great pyramids.

### Art & D&T

The first half of the term will be focused on DT. We will be working with Textiles and learning how to do cross-stitch and applique, as we make our own cushions.

After half term we will be looking at art work that would have been created in Ancient Egypt. Children will be creating their own paper and turning them into scrolls.