



Kinder Class Newsletter Term 1&2

Our topic for Term 1:

In our topic lessons this Term we will be looking at the Roman's and their empire. We've already had our own drama workshop where we learnt all about life as a citizen of the Roman Empire and we thoroughly enjoyed re-enacting different aspects of their life. We've look at when the Roman Empire began, expanded and eventually fell and from this we have created our own time lines. We've also been using the iPads to locate different countries the Roman conquered and added these details to maps of our own. As we move forward with this topic we'll be looking more closely at the Roman's daily lives and how they created different features in society that still affect our lives today such as roads, money and democracy. In the coming weeks we will also be designing our own shields; with these the children will be practising different formations that the Roman Army developed and used so successfully in their conquests. I'm really looking forward to this part of the topic as we pit the class against each other as they test the protective formation known as Testudo! It's always great fun and the children love using their shields in battle!

Our topic for term 2

Our topic for Term 2 will be looking at our local area. We'll be looking at why it's our responsibility to look after the countryside. We'll do some exploring of our local area and see how sustainable our town's growth and expansion is if we want to protect our countryside. We'll try and get outside as much as possible with this topic, and will always let you know in advance, despite the season, to ensure the children have suitable clothing and shoes in school on the day. We'll be investigating the human and physical geography of the area and see how it has changed over the years, work on developing our map skills through studying topographical features of the landscape and creating our own maps of different locations.

Class news:

So welcome back! It feels like forever since we've all been back in school together, but I'm so glad to be back and it seems a lot of you are as well which is lovely. I've been so impressed by how mature many of you have been in coming back after such a long time at home, so a huge well done on that front! We've made a great start to this year and recovering some of that lost time in school. We'd like to thank you for all your hard work over lockdown and we really hope it continues in school as we move through Year 3. One piece of news to note, which is slightly belated now I'm sure, is that the adults supporting your children this year will be myself, Mrs Brice, Miss Wilson-Bell, Mrs J Cooper and Mrs Hardy who joined us in September. We are all really excited to be back and looking forward to an enjoyable year working with this class. If you have anything to discuss or questions, please feel free to email me through the office email who can pass it on to me.

Mr Harlow, Mrs Brice, Miss Wilson-Bell, Mrs J Cooper & Mrs Hardy

In English we will be recapping some key skills from last year before moving on to tackle the Year 3 curriculum. We'll be using the fiction text 'The Sandman' to help create our own stories, from which we will use drama to really get into our characters emotions and the settings before we try and write our own stories! We'll be covering basic punctuation, adverbs and conjunctions.

Our spellings will be put onto Spelling Shed each week on a Monday so the children can practise before the test on a Friday.

In Maths we will be look at place value, before we move on to covering addition and subtraction. This block will take us through most of Term 1.

In Term 2 we will be learning about multiplication and division and various techniques to help us solve those tricky questions.

Any support you can provide the children will be massive, and knowing their times tables will only help them achieve their goals. We will be focusing on the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

In Science we will be looking at forces for Term 1 and Animals including humans for Term 2. While covering these topics some of our key aims will be to plan and carry out fair experiments, from which we can record, and display, our results in a range of ways.

While looking at forces we'll be investigating different forces that we experience on Earth. Then when we look at Animals including humans, we'll be looking at the life cycle and habitats for a range of different species across the world.

In PE we will be covering a variety of skills in football, dodgeball, tag rugby, archery and curling. Our PE days are currently **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that the children come into school in their PE kits as this saves us getting changed. As the weather gets colder, you may wish to dress them in their school jumper and a pair of tracksuit bottoms.

Useful websites:

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-3>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zmyxxyc/year-3-and-p4-lessons>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/lcwc/index.html>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/measures.htm>

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/science-experiments-and-activities/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

How you can help your child:

- *make sure they have plenty of sleep*
- *make sure they have a good breakfast*
- *try to read with them every day*
- *help them to learn their spellings or encourage them to use spelling shed at home*
- *support them in completing any homework tasks*
- *encourage them to speak to an adult if they are having problems with anything*
- *make sure they are on time and in school every day*
- *you could also ask them what they have been learning in school*