

Class 3 Autumn Term 1 2022



Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you have all had a fun filled summer break and we are looking forward to hearing all your news. In the meantime, we say a big hello to Aly and Ollie who have joined us in Class 3, we are very happy that you are here! I would also like to introduce myself. I will be teaching Class 3 on Monday to Thursday and Mrs Johnson will teach on a Friday. In the mornings Mrs Sellars will be alongside us, supporting the children's learning during Maths. I moved from Essex to Lincolnshire, in July this year, and have settled in well to this beautiful part of the country. I have been teaching since 2012, most recently in a small village school in a mixed age class. I am passionate about enabling children to reach their best possible outcomes and feel very privileged to be a part of your child's learning journey! Please do come and say hello, share your child's activities and interests out of school or any concerns you may have as this is a partnership with your child at the centre. Please read on for a summary of what we will be learning this term during our theme of 'Feasts and Festivals.'

With kind regards from Class 3 Teaching Team ~

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English: As writers, we will be investigating Roman Myths which links neatly with our History learning. We will be reading and discussing a range of myths, identifying the features and what makes a good myth. This unit also encompasses writing and spoken language, with the essential development of vocabulary woven throughout. We will begin to improve our writing techniques with particular focus on creating settings, plots and characters as we work towards writing our own myth. Our handwriting and spelling will be a continual focus as we embed the Year 2, 3 and 4 statutory requirements.

Later in the half term we will move into non-chronological reports. We will be reviewing some examples and looking at the features that we will need to include as we write our own report. The focus of our non-chronological report will be an aspect of the Roman topic and will be structured to give interesting and relevant information under headings and sub headings. As with our myth's unit, handwriting, spelling and writing techniques will be woven throughout. After the October half term break we will be engaging with a poetry unit and focussing on the 'Atlas of Adventure' book.

Maths: As mathematicians, the Year 2s will be securing their fluency with numbers, place value, counting on and back, numbers to 100, as well as solving addition and subtraction problems. Year 3 and 4s will be focusing on place value, estimation, magnitude and rounding, mental fluency with addition and subtraction as well as number fact families. Year 3 and 4 will be developing their understanding of the value of three- and four-digit numbers respectively. We will make sure to learn different strategies to help us discover the answers, and when best to use each one. Alongside this, we will be learning our times tables. Year 2's will be learning the 2-, 5- and 10 times tables, Year 3's will continue on from Year 2 and will be learning the 3-, 4- and 8 times tables and Year 4 will be learning the 6-, 7- and 9- times tables and then focussing on being fluent with 2's up to 9's! Later on, in the term we will focus on addition, subtraction, angles, shape and perimeter.

Science: As Scientists we will use our investigative skills to understand the structure of the human skeleton. We will make models of the biceps and triceps muscles to enhance our understanding of how these work in pairs. Throughout the term we will perform investigations to deepen our knowledge of a sensible balanced diet and help us make informed choices about how to keep healthy. We will learn about how sound travels and look at the structure of a human ear to comprehend how we hear.

French: As speakers of other languages, through games and songs, we will be learning the months of the year in French and our birthday. We will then move onto learning about Christmas in France.

Geography and History: As Geographers and Historians we will map the progress of the Roman invasion across Europe. By studying old maps and using modern atlases we will develop our understanding of European countries physical geography and understanding what resources the Romans were able to gain by invading these places. We will use secondary sources to learn about Roman life and develop our knowledge of the legacy they left behind.

Art: As Artists, we will use the works of some famous artists as the inspiration for our own collage and painting creations. We will develop techniques for colour mixing to show tone and tint as well as experimenting with creating a Roman mosaic.

D&T: As Designers we will practise safe food preparation and develop our cutting, chopping, mixing skills and our understanding of following recipes in order to host a Roman feast.

Music: This term all of Key Stage 2 will become composers engaging with the 'Finish this...' programme developed by English National Opera. Through this national programme, they will develop their knowledge of musical terms, their understanding of dynamics and develop graphic score cards. The project will cumulate in a collaborative project that will be uploaded and assessed by professionals.

Computing: In Computing, we will learn about and understand the importance of how to keep ourselves safe online through knowing what information it is acceptable to share and what we should keep private. We will also begin to use search engines more effectively. In the second half of the Autumn Term we will be identifying the main elements of music: pulse, rhythm, tempo, pitch and texture and experiment with these to ultimately compose their own piece of electronic music.

PSHE: In PSHE we explore positive aspects of family life, how families can be different, the ways people can care for each other but also what to do if something is making them unhappy or feel unsafe. We will also be learning about respecting differences and similarities through sensitive discussions.

Religious Education: We will start the year with a 'Celebration' unit where we will discover that God is generous and gives us so many gifts, that He is worthy of our praise. We will then explore some of the religious festivals that different world religions celebrate. Finally, we plan to look at how God prepared the Israelites for the Promised Land.

PE: In PE we will throw, catch, kick and pass a ball with increasing control. We learn the basic rules to play football and netball and play fairly and tactically. We will be swimming each week as well.

Please ensure that your child's P.E kit is in school at all times, including plimsolls or trainers, as most of our PE will be outdoors this term. Although P.E is timetabled on set days (Monday and Thursday), sometimes this needs to change to accommodate the weather etc.

Home Learning

Reading: Please encourage your child to read at home each night. Please discuss and ask questions about the illustrations and story to enable comprehension and enjoyment. Also, please check and explain the meaning of unfamiliar words to develop their vocabulary.

Spelling: Each Monday the children will be given a list of spellings to learn. The children will be tested on these spellings the following Monday.

Other homework: Other homework will also be given related to what is being learnt in class to consolidate learning and will be given out when appropriate.

We are so pleased to have the children back and we are looking forward to teaching them this year.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Gentry