

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2019



Welcome back to the Spring term! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break! We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your generous Christmas gifts. We have already had a fantastic start to the Spring term and we are extremely proud of the amazing progress the children are making!

**Topic:** This term, we are working on the topic 'Invasion!' Children will be learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain and its lasting impact on our lives today.

Later in the term, we will also be focusing on keeping ourselves healthy and how to keep our bodies in tip-top shape!

### English:

During the spring term, our English work will focus on the novel *The Journal of Iliona* and we are going to focus closely on character and description. We will continue to use high level vocabulary within our writing to build an image in our readers' minds. The children have already produced some fantastic writing on Romulus and Remus and have demonstrated an excellent ability to magpie and adapt their own language!

### Maths:

During the spring term, we will be looking at money, statistics and length and perimeter.

We will also be regularly practising mental arithmetic skills, including number bonds and times tables (2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8), to improve children's fluency and speed of recall.

We would like to emphasise the importance of regular practise!

### Supporting your child's learning at school

- Read with your child as much as possible as this helps with their fluency and understanding of texts, as well as helping to increase their imagination for their own writing. Please ensure your child fills out their reading record for each book they read. We expect your child to read between 1 and 2 books from the school reading scheme per week.
- Practise times tables. Revise the 2, 5 and 10 times table from Year 2. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their times tables at speed and be able to rapidly recall the 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables. In school, children practise times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars four times each week.
- Encourage your children to play on the following educational websites:

#### Maths

Times Tables Rock Stars

[www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com)

Top Marks

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

#### English

Education City

[www.educationcity.co.uk](http://www.educationcity.co.uk)

Letter Join

[www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

### Reminders:

#### PE

**Macaws** - Indoor on Tuesday, Outdoor on Friday

**Toucans** - Indoor on Tuesday, Outdoor on Friday

**Flamingos** - Indoor on Monday, Outdoor on Friday

**Recorders:** Every Friday afternoon.

#### Home Learning:

Maths and English homework will be sent home in workbooks on a Thursday and children are asked to return homework on a Tuesday.

Children are also expected to practise:

- Times table recall
- Spellings recorded in their log books
- 'Competition' spellings to earn the spelling trophy!

#### Art Overall/Apron:

Please check that your child has an apron or art shirt in their bags for messy activities in school.

### Spellings:

There will be a fortnightly spelling programme during the autumn term. For the first half of the term every child will be revisiting previously taught spelling patterns to consolidate their learning. During the second half of the term, we will complete three spelling sessions a week with the children, using the schools RWI spelling scheme.

Children will be provided with a log book to record the spelling pattern that they are working on alongside any words that they need to practise at home.

Thank you for your support.  
The Year 3 team