

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! The children have made a settled start to the year, ensuring a smooth transition from KS1 to KS2. There are often a lot of new things for the children to get used to, so we wish to share some of this information with you, as well as to inform you about the skills we are wishing to develop over this term.



We will be seizing the opportunity to learn about the Romans in some depth and later in the term, we will learn more about the Vikings. The children will learn to identify what they know and what they can deduce, from looking at both written and visual historical sources. We will learn about the causes and results of the revolt led by Boudicca against the Romans. There will be scope for the children to carry out research at home to support their learning in class.

Literacy will initially focus on the use of descriptive language as we talk, read and write about familiar settings, including the Key Stage 2 areas of school. The visit from Legion XVIII will provide a stimulus not only for the children to acquire more knowledge about the Romans but also to develop skills in structuring a non-fiction report. We will learn about the Quest of the Roman hero, Aeneas, and then be writing our own adventure stories.

We wish to develop children's love of reading and so alongside guided reading in class, the children are asked to bring into school every day their book bag. This encourages perseverance with an individual book and we will allow children to change their books on any day of the week.



Phonics will be taught by Mrs O'Shea and Mrs Howes on a Friday morning and will be consolidated through the following week. If you would like more information on the spelling patterns and conventions to be taught, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's classteacher.

Planning for mathematics and literacy are based on the Primary Framework. Maths will be taught on a daily basis, emphasising an understanding of place value and number as well as recall of mental facts. We would encourage you to support your child with knowledge of addition facts that up to 20 and the matching subtraction facts. We will also be emphasising the multiplication facts from 2, 5 and 10 times tables, which form the current whole school curricular target.

In Science, we will be considering how materials are suited to their use. For example, we will think what properties of material would be best for the cloak of a legionary keeping guard outside all day! We will also learn the importance of good dental care and maintaining a healthy well-balanced diet. The children will be able to make a healthy sandwich including ingredients from a range of food groups.





PHSCE (Personal Health, Social, Citizenship Education) will be a prominent subject this term. As we begin the year, we will emphasise the importance of rules and joint responsibility for our class environment. We will identify our strengths and abilities, and how each member is valuable to the group. Later in the term the Life Education Bus is visiting Milton Primary School. This provides the opportunity to focus on bullying - to know what it is and to consider positive actions that can be taken if you witness bullying.

Through R.E. we will consider making a new start and celebrating harvest. On Tuesday 6th October we will be visiting All Saints Church to celebrate the school harvest festival, for which we would appreciate adult helpers. We will also be learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We will be making shelters, or sukkahs, in the hall. Please save any large branches from plants for this! Parents of children in Class 7 are warmly invited to our Sukkot class assembly, on Friday 9th October, and to Class 8's assembly on Friday 23rd October.

In Outdoor games, we focus on developing skills for basketball, netball and rugby; whilst in Gymnastics we will be creating sequences linking stretched and curled shapes. We would ask for PE kits to be kept in school from Monday to Friday each week. Please provide your child with tracksuit bottoms, PE top and trainers for games, as well as shorts for gymnastics. This term there are several extra-curricular sports your child may wish to be involved in:

Activity	When?	Who with?	Where?
Rugby	Monday 3.30 - 4.30	Next Generation	Big field
Net Catch	Tuesday 12.45 - 1.30	Midday Supervisor	Playground
Dance	Wednesday 3.20 - 5.00	Lane Academy	Large Hall
Football	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30	Premier Sport	Big field



ICT skills will be developed through other subjects. For example the children will present an advert for a Roman villa. You may wish your children to use these websites for enrichment through games and activities:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/index>

<http://www.learningclip.co.uk/>

Homework will be set every Thursday and should not take longer than half an hour to complete. Please could children bring their homework books in for Tuesday. Daily reading should also be emphasised at home.

French starts this term, with a weekly lesson taught by Mr Hicks (Monsieur X!) incorporating plenty of songs and games. Mrs Proctor is the teaching assistant based in Year 3. Mrs O'Shea and Mrs Howes will be teaching both classes on Friday mornings.

We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning. If you have any queries, we are available to discuss any issues with you at the end of the day.

Miss Mordue and Mrs Thompson