

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! 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 children will also use their knowledge of the Roman invasion and life in Roman Britain 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 their book bags into school every day. 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 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 class teacher.

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 up to 20 and the matching subtraction facts. We will also be emphasising the multiplication facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and then the 3 and 4 times tables.

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.

