

Additional Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Kent Test - 11th & 12th September

Parents Ofsted Meeting - 6:00pm, 12th September

Harvest Festival - 9:00am, 26th September

Individual Photos - 8th October

End of Term 1 - 26th October

Beginning of Term 2 - 4th November

Our Curriculum

Mathematics	Place value, ordering, rounding, understanding addition and subtraction including using mental strategies, real life problems (incl. money), measures, shape and space
Literacy	Performing poetry, Recounts and Instructions, Spelling / Phonics and handwriting practise
Science	Parts of the Body
ICT	Awareness of the internet and research
PE	Dance, Invasion Games
RE	Hinduism
History	The Romans
Art/ DT	Roman art
Music	Rhythmic Patterns
PSHCE	New Beginnings

Y3 Squirrels Newsletter *Term 1 2013-14*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and that the children are well rested and raring to go as they enter Key Stage 2!

We're very excited about this year and looking forward to getting to know all the children better as this is one of the few classes that either one of us have not been involved with.

Although we've met most of you over the last three years and at the 'Meet the Teacher' session, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to come and ask either one of us or even just to say hello!

Best wishes.

Damon Trigger and Sally Jarman

The Romans

Our topic for this term is about the Romans. The children will learn about the invasion of Britain and why the Romans came, including what Britain was like beforehand. Children will also learn about Roman society, their customs and the ensuing battles with the Celts.

Much of this work will be completed through writing and English activities but our work in Art and ICT lessons will further enrich and extend the children's learning.

We have three trips planned before Christmas: Richborough Fort in Sandwich; Kent Life (Roman workshops); Lullingstone Villa. We are waiting confirmation regarding dates and will endeavour to get these to you as soon as possible.

PE

PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday during Term 1. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct clothing; a plain white T-shirt or red T-shirt with the school logo, plain black shorts, trainers and plimsolls.

Please also remember to mark every item with your child's name. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these must be removed for PE lessons.

As the weather begins to get colder, the children are permitted to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons.

Home Learning

Reading

Reading at home on a daily basis is absolutely essential for the development of a child's vocabulary and reading skills so do please encourage and support your child in this activity. Ten to fifteen minutes per day is ideal. Children will be recording their reading practice in their reading record books.

Home Learning Projects

As our focus is about the Romans, we will be setting an extended home learning project. The children will be expected to spend approximately one hour per week on this and to produce a final piece of work to present to the rest of the class. There will be opportunities for the children to ask questions and for them to update me on the progress of their work at regular intervals throughout the term. The class will be given a choice of projects to work on during the first week of term.

Other Home Learning Activities

All children will be given weekly spellings to learn and will be tested on these every week. They will also be expected to continue developing their understanding of multiplication and division facts through learning their multiplication tables. We will also be writing a blog during the year of our learning and class events. Children can access this through their DB Primary log-ins which they received last week.