

Year 3 Squirrels Newsletter Term 2 2017-2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The children settled well into the new year and we have had some fantastic learning in all areas of the curriculum. Below are more dates for your diary and an update of what we will be covering in term two.

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd November - Y3 Canterbury Roman Museum trip

Thursday 16th November - Parent Consultations

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December - School Xmas dinner

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Rocksteady Concert

Monday 18th December - Christmas mix up day

Tuesday 19th December - End of term 2.

Year 3 Curriculum Content

Literacy: We are kick-starting this term by looking at non-chronological reports about the Romans. We will be learning all about the importance of using paragraphs and other organisational devices such as headings and subheadings before creating our own reports. We will then move on to looking at the myth 'Romulus and Remus', where will we learn the pattern and prepare to write our own versions.

Numeracy: Following on from last term, we will be looking at how to use the column method for addition and subtraction strategies. We will then move onto looking at multiplication and division, as well as completing regular mental arithmetic tests and practising our times tables.

Science: In science this term we will be learning about light. The children will be able to recognise that they need light in order to see things; that dark is the absence of light and will identify that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.

Humanities and Art: We are continuing on with our Romans topic. We will be continuing to recognise how the Romans were so successful. Art and history will be combined this term as we will be researching Roman art, designing and making our own Roman mosaic paintings.

RE: This term we are looking at Christianity. In particular, we will be exploring the stories of Blind Bartimaeus, Jairus' Daughter, Zacchaeus, Levi and the Christmas story.

Throughout these topics, the children will learn about different religions and the similarities and differences between our everyday lives.

Music: The topic in music is 'Animal Magic' where we will be focussing on exploring descriptive sounds with a variety of instruments. As we look towards Christmas we will be carrying out plenty of singing practise for our carol concert.

Computing: The term will start off with an e-safety lesson on being respectful online. Our main topic will then be 'We are Presenters' where the children will plan and create their own mini movie on a sports skill using iMovie and windows movie maker, and then will compare the two.

PE:

Indoor: Dance - **Wednesday** Outdoor: Games - **Tuesday** (With Mr Packer).
Now we are approaching cold winter months, please can you ensure your child has suitable tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE. This will also need to be named clearly.

French: Our second topic in French is 'Jeux et chansons' (Games and Songs). Throughout this, the children will listen attentively to spoken language and will begin to show an understanding by joining in and responding. We will explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and link the spelling, sounds and meaning of words.

PHSCE: Our focus this term is 'Getting on and Falling out'. Our aims will be to understand the value of showing people friendship, to think of lots of ways to give 'friendship tokens' and will discuss how we can take on a role in the group and contribute to achieve overall outcomes.

Homework:

Just a reminder: Homework and spellings will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in or tested on **Tuesday**. In addition, please practise times tables and encourage daily reading with your child. Children will be reading frequently in school and are expected to read at home daily. 15 minutes per evening with an adult is ideal and should be recorded in their Home School Record book.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to ask.

Kind Regards,

Miss Fuller and Miss Gunner