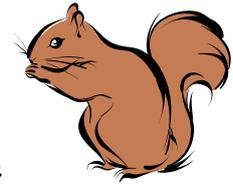


## Year 3 Squirrels Newsletter Term 2 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and have been impressed at how quickly and easily the children have settled into year three. Below are more dates for your diary and an update of what we will be covering in term two.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Canterbury Roman museum trip.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Anti-bullying week.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Parent consultations 1:30-4pm.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Parent consultations 2:30- 6pm.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Roman workshop at school

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 carol service 9:00am

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day and mix up day.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Last day 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 we will 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 our learning on the Romans and how they were so successful. Art and history will be combined this term as we will be researching Roman art and designing and making our own Roman mosaic paintings.

**RE:** Mrs Berry will continue to teach RE on a Tuesday morning for term two. We will continue to investigate what it means to be a Christian in Britain today and learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about what Christians do at home, in church and in the wider community.

**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 service.

**Computing:** The term will start off with an e-safety lesson on being respectful online. We will then be practising our typing and word processing skills. We will use touch typing programmes to introduce children to using the keypad with two hands and familiarising themselves with the position of the keys. We will then practise simple skills, such as changing font size, colour and using bold and underlining text.

**PE:**

Hockey- **Tuesdays** (With Mr Packer).

Key steps and CSF (core strength and flexibility) - **Thursdays**

Now we are approaching cold winter months, please can you ensure your child has suitable tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE. These will 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:** The key question this term is 'what can we do about bullying'. As a school we discuss this a lot and we will be doing plenty of activities throughout anti-bullying week (w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November). For the remainder of the term, we will be focussing on recognising the different types of bullying and how to respond and who to ask for help.

**Homework:**

Just a reminder: Homework and spellings will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in or tested on **Tuesday**. In addition, please encourage any extra research about any of our curriculum topics, which can then be shared with the class.

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

Kind Regards,

Miss Fuller, Mrs Jones and Miss Jarman