

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting, action packed Spring term! The children have returned refreshed from their Christmas break and have kicked off the New Year with enthusiasm.

Our new curriculum topic for the term is 'Roman Invaders'. Travelling back in time to the great Roman empire, children will learn about the invasion of Britain, the lives of the Romans & their beliefs. For more details, please see the curriculum poster overleaf or access the Y3 class page on the school website. Our class novel in English this term is part of The Roman Mysteries Series: The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence- we will be using this fantastic story to inspire the children's writing.

Daily Routines and Reminders

- The Y3 class assembly will take place on Wednesday 5th March.
- PE takes place every Wednesday and Thursday. Y3 will now receive rugby coaching from Plymouth Albion RFC every Thursday this term.
- PE kits must be kept in school and children will change into their school PE kit (white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts). Tracksuits (in the same St Andrew's colours) and trainers are also recommended.
- If your child will be attending a club on a day that is not a PE day, I will ensure that they are changed before their club starts.
- Clubs will take place after school from 3.15 - 4.15pm and places will need to be booked via the school money system. Details will be posted regularly on newsletters. Clubs commence the week beginning Monday 13th January & finish the week beginning Monday 24th March.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school – active brains need plenty of hydration!
- Core homework tasks include reading, spellings and times tables. Arithmetic and reasoning tests will be completed each week on a Wednesday and sent home on a Friday, so that you can see your child's score.
- Spellings are always set on Spelling Shed, as well as being stuck in homework books. We regularly use Spelling Shed in school but please encourage your child to use it at home too – it really does have a significant impact on many children's weekly scores. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>.
- Login details for Spelling Shed, Mathletics and TTRockstars are kept in the front of each child's homework book. There is always work set on Mathletics which is linked to the current class unit of work. TTRockstars is a fantastic way to learn times tables – children can even show you their times table heatmaps which show you which times tables they are confident with and which ones they need to learn. Please take a look at them – I would encourage your child to use them regularly at home! If you have any problems with any login details or work that has been set, please let me know.
- Reading: Encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis because children who regularly read at home generally make excellent progress in school. Books can be changed any time of the week – just get your child to hand them to Ms Turner.

We will be watching a CBBC series called the Roman Mysteries later in the term. This is a PG and is suitable for the class. However, if you would like to speak with me regarding it, then please do.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. With very best wishes from the Year 3 team,

Mr Pope, Mrs King & Ms Turner