

Spring Two Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We are half way through the school year and the children have covered many areas in the curriculum. This term continues to be important for learning the skills and knowledge necessary for your children, so attendance remains a high priority.

We continue to value your support as we aim to deliver a curriculum that is engaging and challenging. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment at the office or speak to them at the end of the day.

Year three will be basing our learning from the book '**Escape from Pompeii**' by **Christina Balit**. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects link to this book and what your child will be learning. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

The Year 3 team:

Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Seal- Mrs M Parkes	Mrs Javed
Penguin- Miss Akhtar	Mrs Javed
Polar Bear- Mrs Bloor	Miss Gani 1-1
Wolf- Mrs Foster & Miss Petkar	Mrs Khalifa 1-1

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress
- PE lessons for **Polar Bear class and Seal class** only will be every **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure children have their full PE kit each week, this includes: a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls for indoor, and a plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor P.E. sessions. Earrings and watches, as always, must be removed for P.E. lessons on grounds of Health and Safety. Long hair, for the same reason, must be tied back.
- Swimming for **Penguin class and Wolf class** only will be every **Tuesday afternoon**, a voluntary contribution of £2.50 will be collected each week. Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back.
- Library sessions are every **Wednesday morning** so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.

Home Learning:

Children will be given a list of activities from which they need to choose one each week. The tasks can be completed in any order and returned to school on **Wednesday** and books will be handed back on **Friday**. Teachers expect all children to complete the tasks to the best of their ability and maintain high standards of presentation at all times.

In addition, we expect that children will continue to do the following:

- **Read every day** at home as it is very important for your child to succeed at school. Please check that your child has read by signing their reading record.
- **Learn the times tables: 3x, 4x, 6x, 8x**

Dates to Remember:

- World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**- children to wear pyjamas
- Fantastic Finish Assembly will be held on **Friday 29th March at 9.00am in the KS2 Hall** (near Dunstable Road entrance)

Thank you for your continued support,

English Comments:

This term the book 'Escape from Pompeii' will be the focus for tasks. The children will explore the characters in the story through role play and hot-seating. They will understand how the characters feel and suggest motives for their actions. Based upon this knowledge, the children will then write a diary entry from a character's perspective. Then they will use their reading to write an explanation text about volcanoes.

Computing Comments:

"We are Bug Fixers" is the topic for the term. The children will learn how to find and correct bugs in programs and develop a number of strategies for finding errors in programs. As they increase their understanding of Scratch.

Geography & History Comments: In

History, the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain will be studied. The children will explore the power of the Roman army; the successful invasion by Claudius and British resistance by Boudicca. In Geography, they will study volcanoes: what happens when a volcano erupts, and how volcanoes affect human life.

Art & DT Comments: In DT, the children

will make Roman shields and helmets. They will design and learn fastening techniques. In Art, they will study Roman mosaics, how they were made in the past and then create their own mosaic designs.

Maths Comments:

The children will cover the following this term: Fractions- tenths and how they relate to decimals and ordering and comparing fractions and equivalent fractions. They will learn how to tell the time in 12hr and 24hr time and solve time problems. 2D and 3D shapes will be drawn and constructed and their properties investigated. Strategies will be taught for solving problems. They will continue to apply their understanding of number and place value.

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit

How to help your child at home:

Read with your child every day; ask them questions about the story.

Help your child to learn and practise all of their times tables to develop their rapid recall skills. Focus for the term: 4x, 6x and 8x.

See your child's teacher if you need further help.

PSHE/Circle Time Comments:

The children will have the opportunity to explore their feelings associated with our school values. This term the value is 'Friendship'. The aim is to develop positive relationships, where there is mutual respect and conflict can be dealt with in acceptable ways. Please take the time to discuss the value and what it means with your child.

Science Comments:

The children will study Forces. They will observe how objects move on different surfaces and how magnets attract or repel each other. They will investigate the strength of different magnets and whether their magnetism can be lost. They will plan and carry out fair tests in response these questions about magnets.

RE Comments: This term the children will think about the question: 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

PE Comments: This term the children will

have Gymnastics and Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA). These activities will improve their agility, balance and coordination skills. They will also develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. In addition, the children will have a weekly swimming lesson every Wednesday.

Music Comments: This term the children

will continue to have the opportunity to learn a variety of musical instruments with an experienced musician from the Luton Music Service. They will learn how to read notation, and use it to play a range of pieces.