



# Year 3 – Spring Curriculum Letter

Year 3 are very much looking forward to the Spring Term. The Autumn Term has been exciting and we have enjoyed our topics 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and 'Tremors'. The children have settled in well to Key Stage 2 and have been learning and developing new skills, refining old ones and becoming independent learners. The Spring Term will take us further on this journey whilst we explore 'Mighty Metals' and 'Gods and Mortals'. We become scientists and engineers in Spring 1 before delving into a world of mythical creatures and legendary heroes in Spring 2.

## Literacy

During Literacy lessons this term we will be continuing to develop our knowledge and expertise at writing non-chronological reports, recounts and instructions. We will be introducing explanations, list poetry, character descriptions and profiles, diary entries and myths and legends (including writing a letter to the King of Athens persuading him not to feed us to a Minotaur!).



## Numeracy

In Year 3, children will be consolidating and deepening their knowledge, skills and understanding whilst also learning new methods of calculation. We will be introducing Roman numerals, and building on our learning in the areas of time, angles, interpreting data, 2D and 3D shapes and fractions. We will be advancing our problem solving and reasoning skills and are looking forward to some practical investigations

## Science

'Mighty Metals' will be a very science focussed topic. We will explore the scientific world of forces and magnetism whilst learning how to work scientifically. We will be designing experiments and honing our skills of scientific enquiry. We will discover how to develop fair tests and conduct investigations to answer scientific questions.



## Attendance

The Government sets a minimum target of 96% attendance for every child. All absences have to be explained. Unauthorised absence must be reported to Hounslow. Fines of up to £100 are imposed for taking holidays in school time. If your attendance becomes a concern your parents will receive a letter setting targets.



## Topics

Our first topic is 'Mighty Metals'. We will be looking at forces, magnetism and metals. We will meet the Iron Man and make our own and based on our understanding of the properties of different metals decide which metal we would want to be. Our second topic will be 'Gods and Mortals' where we meet the myths, legends and heroes from Ancient Greece. We will learn about life during this time, find out about famous Greeks and create our own Greek style sculptures.

## P.S.H.C.E.

The theme for Spring Term focusses on motivation and self-awareness. Children will begin to understand and reflect on their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively.

## Art/Design Technology

In the Spring Term we will be investigating levers, making spinners, carts (please keep saving your Cereal boxes!) and making our own magnetic travel game. Later in the term we will make a Minotaur's head, design a Greek plate and try to make a better pair of wings for Icarus.

## Music and Dance

We are hoping to start recorder sessions this term with all the children in Year 3. This will be very exciting for the children! Also, we will be composing and performing our own theatrical percussion based metal music extravaganza.



## A NOTE ABOUT RESOURCES

Over Christmas please save all your cardboard, cereal boxes and any empty drinks cans (please rinse) for some of our creations next term. Also, if you are considering throwing away any pots and pans (or metal coat hangers), Year 3 will merrily (Ho! Ho! Ho!) take them off your hands.