#### Year 3

# Spring Term 1

7<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019



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# **English**

In English this half term, Year 3 will explore the structure of diary entries and write their own as if they lived during the Roman times.

We will also deconstruct explanation texts and identify how to write a process using accurate grammatical features; such as sub-headings, numbers, bullet points and paragraphs.

Spellings will continue to be monitored and tested weekly.

#### Maths

In Maths, year 3 will continue to work on their multiplication and division yet will use Roman numerals instead of numbers.

Pupils will then explore measurement through money and discover how to add and subtract pence and pounds correctly.

Finally, year 3 will interpret and record data through the use of statistics. Children will experiment using bar charts, pictograms, tables and tally charts.

### R.E.

The topic year 3 will learn this half-term is 'Jesus, our teacher'. Children will explore a range of parables and discover the significance of these for Christians today. They will also use their own and others ideas and experiences to answer puzzling questions.

### **Science**

In Science, we will be focussing on Rocks. This fits in well with our Topic work on Volcanoes and rock formation.

Children will be able to identify different rocks, group rocks based on their features and understand how volcanoes are formed. This work will continue into next halfterm.

## P.E.

In PE this half term, Year 3 will be focusing on gymnastics. Children will develop their floor shapes, floor movements and balancing skills. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to use apparatus on which they can practise their climbing skills.

# Arts (Art, D.T. Music)

The children will have regular opportunities to develop their artistic skills through drawing, colouring and making (cutting and sticking). Additionally, pupils will create their own volcanoes in D.T and use these to explore the process of eruption.

## Languages (KS<sub>2</sub>)

Year 3 will begin to learn parts of the body. They will also receive Spanish teaching from our language specialist, Mrs. Miralles, who works in year 4.

# **Computing**

In computing this half term, we are looking at and exploring computer science through algorithms. Children will learn what an algorithm is and how to recognise one. This will build pupils' knowledge and prepare them in creating their own algorithms throughout Upper Key Stage 2.

## **Topic**

Year 3 will learn all about the Roman period this half-term. This will include what life was like during that time, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, the role of a Roman soldier and the importance of the Roman Empire, Julius Caesar and Boudicca.

# Our Statements to Live by for this Half Term

07.01.19 – I try to follow our school and classroom rules 14.01.19 – I know that I belong in a community that includes my school

21.01.19 – I know we are happiest when we are united 28.01.19 – I listen to what you say, I show that I am listening to you

04.02.19 – I co-operate with others in work and play 11.02.19 – I try to use words that make the world a better place (please, thank you and sorry)

### P.S.H.E

The topic this half-term is Going for Goals! Children will be encouraged to think of how they learn best and which strategies they personally find most useful when reaching for their goals.

They will also consider potential barriers to achieving and possible actions which will help to overcome these.

## **Dates for your Diary**

10.01.19 – Year 6 Class trip to York Cholocate Factory 11.01.19 – Mass at Christ the King Church to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord

14.01.19 – Year 1 class trip to Meanwood Valley Farm

24.01.19 - Year 4 Class Assembly (9:15am)

29.01.19 – Year 2 visit to Pizza Express (10:00am)

01.02.19 – Mass at Christ the King Church – Presentation of the Lord

12.02.19 - Parents'Evening

13.02.19 – Parents' Evening

14.02.19 – End of Spring Term

15.02.19 – Training day

## Homework and how you can help your child

Learning journals will be given out every Friday and spellings will be given out every Wednesday. Homework is expected back the following Wednesday and spellings will be tested on a Wednesday. You can also help your child at home by reading daily, practising times tables and using maths in real life situations such as adding prices in the supermarket or counting miles when travelling. This makes a considerable difference to their progression in school.