

History: “The Roman Empire” and “The Romans in London”

During the Spring term, Year 3 will be learning about the following topics:

The Roman Empire:

During this topic the children will learn about various aspects of the Roman Empire, including: which countries the Romans invaded; the story of Romulus and Remus; the Roman army; Roman inventions; and what life was like for the Romans.

The Romans in London:

During this topic the children will learn about the history surrounding the Roman invasion of Britain, including: pre-Roman life in Celtic Britain; why the Romans invaded Britain and the response from the Iceni; and the impact the Romans had on Britain that can still be found today.

How you can help:

You can help your child by encouraging them to research the different topics. You could take them to the local library, where the children could read some books to find information about the

Computing

The children will be learning about how computers work and how to use them safely and effectively. We will look at using the internet and how to research well and be mindful of copyright issues.

How can I help at home?

Make it clear to your child that you value homework – set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their homework.

Encourage your child to read a variety of texts like magazines, newspapers and recipes, not just books brought home from school.

Listen to your child read for 10 minutes everyday and ask them questions about the text to help their understanding. Discuss what happened: would you make the same choices as the characters? Why/why not? Encourage your child to back up their opinion with evidence from the text.

Encourage them to do everyday mathematics such as telling the time, using bus/train timetables or working out the total/change in a shop.

Help your child to be organised:

- ◇ Have you got your book bag and reading books?
- ◇ Is your completed homework in your bag?
- ◇ Are you wearing your full PE kit for Big PE (Thursdays)?
- ◇ Do you need anything for your After-School Club?

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Year 3 Parent Information Booklet



**What your child will
be learning about this
term and how you can
help at home**

Spring 2019

What we will be learning this term...

English

In English the children will be covering a range of texts. We will begin with John Steptoe's 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters', which will provide the basis for writing letters and retellings of the story.

We will then move on to looking at Aesop's Fables, looking at the structure of a fable, as well as character and setting, building to the children writing their own fables.

To tie in with our history work, we will also be writing historical reports about the Romans.

Grammar:

The children will be continuing to learn how to edit their work for accuracy as well as learning how to extend sentences with a range of conjunctions and by adding extra information between commas.

How you can help:

Please encourage your child to read a wide variety of literature including magazines, fiction and non-fiction books. Your child should be reading to you every day and answering questions about what they have read.

Art

During art, the children will be learning about how to sketch and design mosaics for their history theme: Romans. They will also create a Roman mosaic and use watercolours to paint a Roman soldier.

Maths

Money:

The children will be looking at making equivalent amounts and learning how to subtract and add amounts of money to give change, in both pounds and pence.

Fractions:

The children will be learning to use fractions as numbers, show equivalent fractions, order fractions and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

How you can help:

Log on to 'Lumio Maths' at home to practise key maths skills. The log-in details are in your child's reading record.

Practise mental calculation skills by questioning your child on their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and addition/ subtraction.

Practice using money, either in the shops or by 'buying' things in a pretend shop at home.



Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

This term the children will be exploring what it means to belong to and be part of a community. This will be through the use of class discussions and circle time. They will also explore what it means to think about and express your feelings.

PE

Big P.E will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon and the children continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Basketball:

The children will work on passing and dribbling skills, building towards shooting and playing matches.

Tennis:

The children will learn how to serve the ball and different ways of hitting it, before moving to volleying.



RE

In RE this term the children will be learning about Buddhism and its teachings for the first half term. We will then move on to looking at following Christian commandments and learning about the messages of the Easter story.

