

Year 3
Spring 1

Rotten Romans

English

We will be exploring poetry at the beginning of the term by looking at *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright. We will explore and learn how to use a range of poetic features from the poem before writing our own poems and publishing them, using our painting skills to illustrate them.

We will then look at explanation texts by reading *Pebble in my Pocket*. We will gather information from the book to create our own explanation texts using a range of non-fiction features.



Spellings: We will continue to consolidate our phonics knowledge through Guided reading sessions and learn Year 3 spellings weekly.

English Fluency: Fluency sessions will consolidate and 'overlearn' key skills from Key Stage 1 and Autumn term Year 3 so that they are kept fresh and used correctly throughout all work.

Handwriting: We will have daily handwriting sessions that will teach the children correct letter formation, joins and how to use a pen correctly.

Understanding Arts and Culture

Art: We will create volcano prints by explore printing techniques through the work of Hokusai. We will also look at the life of Hokusai and explore a variety of his work and people that he has influenced.

Music: We will continue to use Music Express to learn how to follow beats, rhythm and tempo. We will also sing songs in harmony and create our own short musical pieces.

Desert class will be learning to play the violin this term.

Understanding our Health and Well-Being

PE: We will be taking part in Dance sessions this term, learning how to use balances, sequences and timings. E will also take part in Gymnastics sessions, using a range of equipment.

PSHCE: Dreams and Goals. We will set ourselves goals and plan how we can achieve them.

Understanding the World

Geography: We will learn about natural disasters and how to prepare for a volcano eruption. We will learn survival techniques and how natural disasters can impact the lives of others.

History: We will explore Roman history by learning about key people and events. We will explore the role of different people on Roman society, including Roman Soldiers.

RE: Identity and Belonging - Belonging to a family, a community; challenges and religious leadership

Spanish: We will learn how to name fruit, vegetables and explain our likes/dislikes in Spanish.

Maths

We will begin the term by learning more of our multiplication facts to help us with formal methods of multiplication and division later on in the term. We will also begin to explore shape and measure as we move towards the second half of the term.

We will continue to learn our times tables and use TTrackstars to consolidate learning and improve speed and recall.

Fluency: During fluency sessions, we will address any gaps in learning whilst also overlearning or deepening the children's understanding of key concepts. These sessions will be quick games and lots of fun for everyone but are vital for the children's learning and retention of important areas of mathematics.



Understanding Science and Technology

Science: We will explore light, reflective surfaces and how light travels through investigation and testing. We will investigate the best materials to use to keep us safe in winter by testing to see how reflective a material is.

DT: We will create our own moving Vesuvius puppets using linkages and pivot points.

Computing: We will be learning how to use animation to convey a short story or sequence of events.

“Learn. Believe. Achieve.”



Our School Values: Resilient, Persistent, Self-Motivated, Risk-Takers, Creative, Good Citizens, Entrepreneurial

It is Spring term! The term for all of the Year 3 classes to create their class assemblies and we hope the weather gets a little warmer for more outside fun.

Homework: Homework and spellings will be on **Google Classrooms** every Friday. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week. Don't forget that the homework is also available on the Year 3 webpage on our school website and there is also a copy of our webinar where we explain how to use Google classrooms too.

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Reading: We ask that children in Year 3 read their books for a short time each night and we will read with the children regularly throughout the week at school. Please don't forget to write their efforts in their reading record so we can reward them at school for fantastic home reading. As always, please see the Class Teacher if you have any concerns or questions about school and we will be happy to help you.

Mrs Sinclair (Savannah Class and Year Group Leader)

Miss Bass (Rainforest Class)

Miss Sutton (Desert Class)