

Year 3  
Spring 1

# Rotten Romans

## Understanding our Health and Well-Being

PE: We will be developing our fitness, strength and aiming skills this term with indoor athletics while also learning Country and Western dancing in Dance lessons

PSHE: Our PSHE topics are Our World, Computer Safety and Being Responsible. We will hold class discussions about these topics and make decisions for how to stay safe.

## Understanding the World

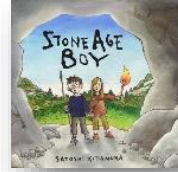
History: We will explore Roman history by learning about key people and events. We will explore the role of different people on Roman society, including Roman Soldiers.

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

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

## English

We will be exploring the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura this half term and learning all about historical fiction. We will look at different features of this book including characters, setting and dialogue. We will then create a historical story based on the Stone Age. We will continue to use the story to support the deepening of Year 3 grammar, spelling and creative writing skills. We will then use all of these skills to help us write our own version of the story.



Handwriting: We will continue our handwriting sessions that will teach the children correct letter formation, and joins between letters.



Reading: We will be reading the story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will be making predictions; clarify vocabulary by exploring meanings of words; retrieving and recording key information and explaining main events and drawing inferences from evidence.



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

## Understanding Arts and Culture

Art: We will develop our ability to use watercolour painting techniques. We will study the work of Quentin Blake and explore the use of tint and tone.

Music: We will study the Musical Theatre Genre this term. We will learn about its history, some of its defining features and finally composing our own version of a Musical classic.

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

## 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 measure, including length, perimeter, mass and capacity.



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: In Science, we will learn about Rocks and soils to support our knowledge of the Earth and compliment our upcoming learning in Geography. We will investigate properties of different rocks and soils, as well as create our own class worm farms.

Computing: We will be learning how to use animation to convey a short story.



**“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, spellings and weekly times tables facts will be set every Friday, as it has been last term. We will send a Marvellous Me message to you to let you know that homework has been set each week. You should also be able to access the homework via the Google Classroom. You can practise the times tables facts however you like at home. Regular, low-pressure quizzing will greatly help the children learn these core facts. You can also use Numbots and TTRockstars for a fun, alternative way to practise key number facts. Numbots focuses on addition and TTRockstars focuses on multiplication.

**Reading:** Reading every day is the most important thing you can do to help with your child's learning. 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.*

Mr Spendlove (Savannah Class and Year Group Leader)

Mrs Hostler (Rainforest Class)

Miss McBride (Desert Class)