

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break. We can't quite believe we are now in the final term of year 3! As always, we have lots of exciting learning lined up for the first half of the summer term that we would like to share with you. Please don't forget we post weekly website updates on the year group pages on the Federation website so you can see what the children have been getting up to during their time in year 3!

YEAR 3

English



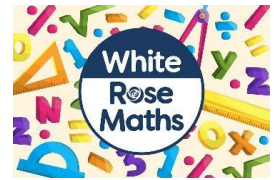
In English, we are going to be exploring information texts alongside our new reading book 'How to look after a dragon'. The children will discover that a new dragon has been discovered in the Basingstoke area! Throughout this unit, we will explore how to look after and care for the dragon before writing a care guide for other people to read and learn from. We can't wait to see what the children produce!

Reading



In reading we will continue to work through our fluency books which will become available as and when we move on to a new book on the Collins Hub for you to read at home. In lessons, we work through decoding and blending words, unpicking key vocabulary and then exploring the chapters together through comprehension based lessons. Each class in year 3 works on different reading levels so we have a wide range of books being read!

Maths



In maths this half term, we will be continuing to explore fractions in further detail. Now that we know what fractions are, what the numerator and denominator is and how to compare sets of fractions, we will explore adding and subtracting them. After this unit, we will start our money unit to learn how to add and subtract different coin values as well as converting between pounds and pence.

Science



Our science topic is 'Plant nutrition and reproduction'. We will learn about the requirements of plants for growth and survival. Within the unit, we learn to describe the parts of flowering plants and relate this structure to function, including the roots and stem for transporting water, leaves for making food and the flower for reproduction.

History









In history our topic is 'Emperors and Empires' We will be learning about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain. This follows on from our Stone Age history unit from the Autumn term. We will also be going on a summer trip as part of this unit (see below for more details!)

Geography



In geography, we will be going back to our first unit 'one planet, our world' to complete the final part of the unit. We will explore UK counties, cities and the land use within the UK. On top of this, we will explore the weather of our local environment. As part of this unit, we will be exploring the school grounds and making memorable experiences for the children.

Music	Art	DT
		
In music we will be developing our use of rhythmic notation and composing music that reflects a Roman army. This then supports our History topic! We will also be learning a range of songs that embed our historical learning and further our use of pitch and dynamics.	This half term we will be continuing our 'colour wheel' theory in art. The children started this unit in Autumn but will be recapping back over contrasting and complementary colours as well as exploring warm and cool colours.	Our DT unit is called 'Greenhouses' and is also linked to our history unit Emperors and Empires. This project is all about the purpose, structure and design features of greenhouses. We compare the work of two significant greenhouse designers before learning the techniques to strengthen structures and use tools safely. The children will then use their learning to design and construct a mini greenhouse.
Computing	R.E	PSHE
		
Our unit for this half term is 'Video Trailers'. The children will learn to describe the purpose of a trailer, create a storyboard for a book trailer, consider camera angles when taking photos or videos and import videos and photos into film editing software.	In R.E this half term we will be learning about Sacred Places. The children will explore a range of Sacred Places within different religions as well as the difference between 'sacred' and 'special'.	This half term, the children will be taking part in our Jigsaw unit 'Relationships'. We will delve into friendships and what these entail before exploring relationships within the wider world with other countries. The children will also explore their rights and responsibilities.

<p>Every week, the children have two sessions with our sports coaches, Coach Jordan, Coach James and Coach Grace.</p> <p>During the autumn and summer term, one of these sessions is held in our outdoor learning area and the children taught important skills such as teamwork, resilience and strategic thinking.</p>  <p>are</p> <p>This half term in P.E the children will be focusing on floorball which is an adapted version of hockey. This will improve skills of teamwork, hand-eye coordination and use of extension with control. They will begin by focusing on the key skills such as passing/dribbling and will eventually progress into playing competitive matches,</p>	<p>P.E kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ White t-shirt ✓ Black or navy jogging bottoms (winter) ✓ Black or navy shorts (summer) ✓ Plain dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt ✓ Plimsolls (for indoor P.E) ✓ Trainers ✓ Hair tied back ✓ Earrings out ✓ Waterproof trousers (for outdoor learning) ✓ Wellies
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Coming up...



Thursday 8th March:

VE Day celebrations in school and parents invited in for the afternoon.

Tuesday 10th June:

Year 3 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace in Chichester

The children will be off to Fishbourne Roman Palace as part of their history unit for the term. Updates will be made available in the Summer 1 term for this trip.

Arbor:

Please check Arbor messages and emails for these events and others that arise throughout the half term.

Home Learning



Maths homework:

Maths homework is up on Atom Learning every Monday and due in on Friday. The videos and slideshows are there to support the children if they are stuck, however, we only set work that we have already taught in lessons.

English homework:

English homework is up on Atom Learning every Wednesday and due in on Tuesday. The videos and slideshows are there to support the children if they are stuck, however, we only set work that we have already taught in lessons.

Reading diaries:

The children are expected to read at least 3 times per week and encouraged to read 5 times. Reading diaries are due on Mondays and the reading hut is then available on particular days for children to read then if they haven't completed their diaries or choose to have extra reading time.

Contact us



If there is anything you wish to discuss with us regarding the information on this newsletter; or if you have any further queries or concerns regarding your child's experience at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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How can you help?



In order to help support your child at home, please consider the following:

Reading with your child:

Reading with your child at home is so important and helps support the work we are doing with them in school. Reading diaries are expected to be handed in every Monday to show their reading progress.

TT Rockstars:

Practice on TT Rockstars helps the children to learn and practice their times tables as well as improve their speed. Supporting the children to get on TT Rockstars and practice as much as possible is extremely beneficial for their progression in maths.

Homework:

Homework is set each week so please ensure your children are completing this. It shows them the teaching through videos and diagrams so the children can learn and practice the skills we have already covered in class.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Team 3