



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.

11th January, 2023

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : YEAR 3 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Firstly, a huge welcome to spring term.

Our topic this term is Romans and Celts. We will be exploring how the Romans invaded Britain, look at lots of the Roman engineering that is still used today and explore what daily life was like for the Romans. The artist that we will be focusing on this term is Gaudi and looking at the way he also used mosaics in his work. I am in the process of trying to arrange another exciting trip for us as our last one was a huge success.

READING BOOKS

We are trying to encourage the children to take more ownership and responsibility when it comes to reading. When they read each evening it is really important that this is recorded in their reading diary. It is super important that you read with your child every night and the children must bring their reading book and diary into school every day. Reading helps children's imaginations to grow and this will then help them with their creativity in English. Reading also helps the children to improve their spelling skills. Myself or Mrs Eardley will aim to read with the children every week. As a class we will be reading *Star in a Jar*, *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* and *Journey of Iliana*.

ENGLISH

In English this term we will be using 4 different texts that will allow the children to explore different writing styles and structures. These will be linked to our main topic.

MATHS

We are continuing to focus on multiplication and division. We have begun practicing our times tables at the start of each maths lesson with a timed speed test. This will help lots when the children go into Year 4 as they will need to know all times tables from the 1's to the 12's fluently

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by the end of Year 4. We will also be linking our maths lessons to our Romans topic by exploring Roman numerals and also looking at money which links nicely to our PHSE topic.

I have sent out all Mathletics long in's now and will be setting some maths homework through Mathletics. Mathletics also has some great activities for practicing times tables and general addition and subtraction fluency.

HOMEWORK

I will be sending homework out every Friday, which will include spellings, maths and either a piece of English, science or a topic based piece. These pieces will help to reinforce what we have been doing in class that week and should typically take a couple of hours each week. It is imperative that homework is returned to school no later than Tuesday of the coming week.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are a really important part of Key Stage 2 so making good firm foundations with these in Year 3 is something that we will be focusing on throughout our English lessons as well as using a weekly spelling test (on a Friday) and Read Write Inc. to support these skills.

I have noticed a dip in our spelling results since half term - this was also reflected in our most recent assessment; it is really important that the children are practicing their spellings daily using the activities on the sheet.

P.E.

Our main PE day is a Monday so all children need to come to school in their kits.

The children will continue to earn themselves Dojo points throughout the day for our usual school and class expectations and we will also be giving out team points for exceptional effort and hard work along with anyone who is recognised for showing any of our core school values.

Finally, I would just like to say that I have loved watching all of the children develop and grow over the autumn term, every single one of them has made some great progress so far and I hope that it continues throughout the rest of the year.

Yours sincerely,

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