

Welcome to the start of a new school year!

Our topic this term is called Ancient Britain and we will be studying prehistory from The Stone Age to the Iron Age, finishing off with the Roman Invasion. We have an exciting trip to Celtic Harmony booked! Science will be looking at Rocks and Soils and we will include Art and DT activities based around all these topics.

Literacy We will be covering regular work on spelling and grammar in order to build up the quality and variety of written sentences. The children will complete short and extended pieces of writing, both fiction and non-fiction. Some of their writing will be based on our topic, but we are starting off with a module on Fables.

Maths We will begin with number work on place value, rounding and ordering, before moving on to formal written methods for addition and subtraction. Later, we will be learning shape and data handling. Across the school, we focus on reasoning and applying knowledge rather than "rote learning" which means we continue to enjoy use of the concrete resources and pictorial expressions of maths to consolidate understanding. This term we will also be working hard on speeding up our mental arithmetic.

R.E. This will be with Mrs Charter and the children will be studying a module called Identity and Belonging.

Music The children are very privileged this term to have both singing lessons and cornet lessons with specialists from outside school. Our classroom will be alive to the sound of music!

P.E. The children will have two PE lessons each week: on a Tuesday with Mrs Brignall and a Wednesday with an external coach. As always, they should keep their PE kit in school all week in case of extra activities or changes to the timetable. We will send it home to wash if they get especially grubby!

Spanish After such a successful "Introduction" last term, we are delighted that the children will be continuing to learn Spanish with Mrs Charter. Fantastico!

ICT The children will be given plenty of opportunities to enhance their ICT skills using both laptops and iPads across the curriculum.

Regular reading, both independently and to an adult is **essential** for good progress in Key Stage 2. We cannot stress the importance of this enough! It is crucial that the children discuss the books they are reading with you. Please **sign and date** your child's reading record when they have read to you. We do check them and reward children accordingly for really good, consistent reading homework. For children who are not yet fully fluent, frequent reading at home will help them catch up with their peers.

Weekly Maths homework will be set on a Monday and should be returned to school by Wednesday. English or topic homework will be set on a Wednesday and should be returned by Monday. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to learn for a test the following Thursday. Please ensure your child completes their homework on time so that we can mark it and return it to them.

As it isn't possible to let children leave lessons to obtain a drink, we suggest that they bring a water bottle into school. This should be named, leak proof... and only water! It is a bit soul-destroying to have squash spilt on your hard work! Children may refill water bottles from the fountain at break and lunch.

We are looking forward to a happy and productive year!



We would love to share with you some of the work we are doing in our class assembly on Wednesday 14th November. More details to follow!

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Class 3

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