

January 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready to take on the Spring Term. We are really excited as we have lots of amazing things planned for your children this term. We hope to have visitors in school to give specialist teaching in Dance, RE, Digital and History – you don't want to miss it!

The Year 3 Spring Term will be focusing on The Romans but we have lots of other exciting things across the curriculum. Please see the enclosed curriculum grid for further information on our subject's coverage.

**Homework:** We will continue to follow the new school Homework Policy and only set the 'bread and butter' tasks to practice at home: Reading, Spellings and Times Tables. We cannot enforce that your child completes these tasks. However, we have noticed a vast improvement across all the teaching and learning in those children who undertake some regular learning and retrieval at home. We have set a homework choice mat (attached) of ideas for extra research and learning activities, if you and your child wish to complete these as a family project.

**Reading:** As independent readers, we would expect your child to read every night but they might not be reading to you on every occasion. As well as their school reading books, please encourage them to read about topics that interest them. To support this, they could choose from a wider range of materials, including newspapers, magazines, leaflets, library books and web pages. We would hope that their daily reading is recorded in their reading record. Either you or your child can take on this responsibility, but we would ask you to sign their diary to say that you have seen them read. Your child can change their book as and when it is finished. They do not need to ask.



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PE: Year 3 PE continues to be on Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school ready to do PE. This means coming in their school PE uniform and in appropriate shoes. The school has a NO JEWELLERY policy for PE lessons. This means no earrings or watches (including sports watches). If your child is not able to remove these items themselves, then please remove them before school starts. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss the temporary use of plasters which must be provided by home. If your child's hair falls over their eyes, please provide them with a simple hair accessory to hold it out of their eyes on PE days.





**Year 3 Volunteers:** We are still looking for parents who can support reading in school or help out on trips. If you are available to help in any way please approach your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience. Once a week would be great, but we would welcome any help at all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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<p>Research Vincent Van Gogh and using any media replicate one of his famous paintings</p>	<p>Learn to tie your shoe laces</p> 	<p>Feed the birds: Find ways to feed the local birds in your garden. How many can you name?</p> 
	<p><b>Year 3 Homework Menu</b> Bring in your work to show your teacher or upload to the homework folder on Showbie</p>	<p>Set New Year Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o For your health</li> <li>o To build your mind</li> <li>o To help someone else</li> </ul> <p>Find a way to keep a tally of your consistency.</p>
<p><b>Spring Watch:</b> Find a local flowerbed, tree or part of your garden. Take regular photos as they wake up from their winter rest. Put the photos into a presentation.</p>		<p>Design and build a Roman shield and sword from card.</p> 