

Year 3: Spring 2: Ruthless Romans

English

In English this half term the children will be learning about the genre of poetry. They will be reciting a range of poems and they will explore the language and individual style. The outcome will be a poem about the water cycle. For non fiction writing, we will be using Science and the life cycle of plants as inspiration. The children will explore the features, layout and language of an explanation text.

We will be using Class Dojo to inform parents and carers of the weekly spelling lists. Children will bring their spelling books home on Friday for their adults to sign so the children can share their spelling score.

Please continue to read each night with your child. We aim to change the book at least once a week. Let us know if you need a new one. All of our reading books are on Bug Club. A weekly comprehension activity will be sent home. This helps the children 'prove' they have understood what they have read. In grammar, the children will be learning about adjectives, which are words to help make our writing more descriptive. We will continue to reinforce the correct usage of nouns, verb and adverbs. If you want to support your child in grammar, Carol Vorderman has written an excellent book for parents which explains the terminology.

For more ideas have a look at the Oak Academy Y3 Grammar
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-3/subjects/english-grammar>

Maths:

In Mathematics, the children should know their number bonds to 20 and recite them confidently eg 13+7, 12 +8. Practice this at home or in the car as a game. Children in year three should be able to add and subtract 3 digit numbers using the written column method.

The topic for this half term is lengths. To support your child, talk about the distance you are travelling in the car or on public transport. Show them how you measure large and small objects at home. Talk about rounding up and why it can be useful. Get them busy in the kitchen weighing ingredients, looking at packets. You can use maths to halve and double quantities. Look at bottles and liquids together. How many millilitres are in the bottle or how much is left?

We will be reintroducing fractions – again have a chat with your child about when we use fractions in real life – food is a great place to start e.g. cake or pizza, but you can also show them fractions of amounts using smarties. It's a great way for a child to understand why a quarter of a pizza is better than an eight!

Please practise arithmetic at home with your child – it will really help them in maths.

Encourage them to use Times Table Rockstars and My Maths each week.

The Wider Curriculum

In Science, the children will be learning about plants in the topic 'how does your garden grow?'. By the end of the unit, the children will know the parts of a plant, their roles in plant reproduction and the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

In ICT, the children will be using Ipods to shoot live video and edit it. They will learn how to narrate it and then add post production end credits.

For Design and Technology, the children will be researching Roman shields. They will gather information about the product and then sketch and design their own. The children will independent select the tools they will need to make the product. They can use a range of textiles and after the children will evaluate the design and end product. The children will also be learning how to embroider.

For topic work, the children will be learning in History about the Roman invasion of Britain. This will build on the children's knowledge of the Stone Age. The children will research and investigate the reasons the Romans came to Britain and how they organised themselves. The children will find out about how Britain changed under Roman rule and how we still benefit from some of these changes even today. Have fun at home finding out even more!

Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 3A: PE Tuesday and Friday

Class 3B: PE Monday and Thursday

Class 3C: PE Monday and Thursday

PLEASE REMOVE EARRINGS ON PE DAYS!

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform. All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please provide your child with a named water bottle.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment via year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

HAVE YOU SET UP CLASS DOJO AND THE MY SCHOOL APP?