



Year 3 Parent leaflet: Spring 2



Our BIG question:-

How does the land below and light above influence where people live – from Roman Britain to Antarctica?



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Our learning this half term:

- To continue to follow our White Rose Maths scheme.
- Exploring "Fractions" - recognising, finding & writing fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions & non-unit fractions with small denominators; comparing & ordering unit fractions & fractions with the same denominators
- Measuring, comparing, adding & subtracting lengths (m/cm/mm), mass (kg/g) & volume/capacity (l/ml).
- Immersing ourselves in our chosen texts - The Fox in the Night and Romans on the Rampage.
- Using The Write Stuff to write in a variety of ways, for different audiences and purposes.
- **Learning about "Light and shadows"** - exploring the link between light & darkness, observing reflections & investigating different factors that affect shadows.
- Continuing to ask "Why did the Romans settle in Britain?"
- Continuing to find out "Who lives in Antarctica?"
- Inspired by **Paul Klee, Victor Vasarely and Cathy Shugg**, exploring colour, collage & pattern by cutting, arranging & adapting ideas collaboratively as part of our **Art Collage project**.
- Using the "Dragon Song" to practise performing, composing & improvising music.
- Exploring "**Spreadsheets**" on the iPads to create & use spreadsheets that model real-life scenarios & answer practical questions.
- Practising our French speaking & listening skills with our topic - "In a French Classroom"
- Using our sewing skills to create a simple sewn pouch with a button fastening & a decorated sewn panel.

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH - VISIT TO COLCHESTER CASTLE

Ongoing learning:

- Individual and guided reading sessions
- Precision Spelling of CEWs
- Handwriting - using correct, cursive letter formation; joining all letters all the time. (Using Bubble Writing to help us with this)
- Learning 2x, 5x, 10x 3x, 4x and 8x tables off by heart - remember to practise on Times Tables Rock Stars!! (TTRS) MC Grammar will help us with this too!
- Counting from zero in multiples of 4, 8, 50 & 100.
- Grammar Focus: - to write simple, compound & complex sentences; to use speech marks to indicate direct speech; to use possessive apostrophes.

Key Dates or things to remember:

We have PE every Thursday.

Please ensure that your child comes into school in their PE kit. This includes black shorts or dark tracksuit trousers, white T shirt, plimsolls or trainers & A PLAIN dark top or school red jumper / cardigan / fleece. **Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or covered with tape.**

Library Books are changed every Friday.

Wild Wednesday - WEDNESDAY 25th March - Expedition to Antarctica (Geography Link)

We can't wait to see what Mrs Bennett has got planned for us! Further information will be provided via Parent Mail.

MORE REGULAR UPDATES ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY, AS WELL AS LINKS TO USEFUL WEBSITES WILL BE SENT VIA SEESAW.

Useful ways to support learning at home:

Reading challenge: Reading for 5 minutes, 5 times a week. Complete your Reading Challenge Slip and **return it to school every Friday**. House Points, Raffle Tickets and Class Prizes available! Every returned slip entered into the whole-school draw.

Maths: OPTIONAL Weekly Maths Homework Challenges set on Purple Mash. Remember to practise your BMBTs, CLIC and SAFE challenges too, as well as your times tables on TTRS!!

Spellings: OPTIONAL Weekly Spelling challenges set on Purple Mash. Don't forget to keep practising the Year 1, 2 and 3 CEWs too - check the highlighted sheet that was sent home at the end of the Autumn Term, to see the words need to be practised.

Homework Grids: OPTIONAL - If your child would like to carry out any challenges and share these with their teacher, we'd love to see them. Either bring the work into school or upload to their SeeSaw page - we can't wait to see how you get on! Homework Wow Certificates, House Points and Raffle Tickets available for work completed!

