

# 'Swords and Shields'

Year 3

## Autumn Term 2016 Curriculum Information

As Mathematicians we will be developing our understanding of:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions

As Writers we will be developing our sentence structure and our descriptive language through the genres of:

- Warning Tales
- Letters
- Poetry

As Readers we will be developing our fluency, understanding of texts, and exploring varied genres.

As Scientists we will be exploring what a fair test means, and developing our ability to draw conclusions. We will also be exploring the topic of rocks.

As Historians we will be learning about the Romans, focusing on the roles of Boudicca and Julius Caesar. We will learn:

- Who the Romans were
- Family and home life
- Chronology
- Famous people from the era

As Geographers we will be learning to identify countries and cities, linked to our Roman theme.

As Artists and Designers we will be developing our skills in observational drawing, and studying Roman paintings.

In Computing we will develop our skills in internet research, understanding how internet searches take place, and how to stay safe on the internet.

In PSHE we will be learning about new beginnings and how our actions affect others. We will also look at how we can get on better and avoid fall-outs with our friends.

In RE we will be learning about Jesus, and his role as a leader of a faith.

In PE we will develop our skillset in dance and gymnastics.



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Welcome to Year 3, we are very excited about our new themes and the year ahead.

Our theme this term is 'Swords and Shields' and is history based, focused on the Romans. The children will learn all about life in the Roman era, focusing particularly on the rule of Julius Caesar and Boudicca.

Date for your diaries:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Roman Visitor to immerse children in the life of the Romans. We invite children to come into school dressed up as Romans on this day.
- **Homework**  
Your child will be given homework tasks on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. These will vary depending on the current learning being undertaken in class. We will encourage children to read through their homework on a Thursday, so they are able to ask any questions they may have about what they are expected to do before the weekend.
- **Reading**  
Please continue to read with your child read on a regular basis. An adult in school will read with your child individually at least once a fortnight and the children will also complete reading skills lessons in English each week.
- **Multiplication Tables**  
Children will be given multiplication tables to learn after half term. They will work through the tables, progressing in difficulty. Learning times tables really will support your child's mathematical development and 'little and often' is key for children to secure these facts for life.
- **Spellings**  
Children will be sent spellings home on a Monday each week. This could be in a variety of contexts, such as selected words, a pattern or a game to explore, etc. In school we will continue to reinforce this pattern throughout the week in spelling sessions, and will test the spellings on the Friday.

If you have any questions regarding any aspects of the term or rest of the year then please ask us.

Regards,

The Year 3 Team

If you know anyone, associations, websites, great books or local places etc that would support our themes over the summer, please fill in the slip below and return to your class teacher. This way we can create community links to enhance our theme further and bring real life situations to our learning.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas to support the theme:

**Thank you for your continued support!**