



## **Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1**

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will involve using various written methods to answer multiplication and division questions. The children will become more familiar with their times tables and will use this to support their learning throughout the topic. They will develop their knowledge of how to use mental and written methods to solve a variety of problems.

### **English**

During this half term, we will be looking at stories from different cultures and myths and legends. We will begin by looking at Roman mythology and the story of Romulus and Remus which will tie in with our history topic. The children will be given the opportunity to retell stories and create their own myths. We will then move on to learning about life as a Roman soldier where the children will create persuasive letters and write diary entries from different perspectives. Throughout these units, the children will use a range of conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs of manner and imperative verbs. Punctuation and handwriting will also form a central part of our English teaching this half term.

### **Science**

In Science, we will be learning about forces. The children will learn about different forces and explore what friction is. They will lead their own enquiries into what surface would be most suitable for certain objects to move faster or slower. By the end of the term, the children will be able to define friction and describe how it works in an everyday context. We will also be conducting a range of investigations into water resistance and air resistance by using scientific enquiry skills.

## **Art**

### **How are man-made materials used to create sculptures inspired by nature?**

In Art, we will be working a lot with clay to make sculptures from both observation and imagination. We will be focusing on Anna Collette Hunt, who is a local jewellery designer.

## **Geography**

### **How is Italy similar to the UK?**

Throughout our Geography lessons we will be comparing Italy and the United Kingdom. We will be studying similarities in climate, proximity to a main river, landmarks and also food. We will also be focusing natural and man-made landmarks such as the river Tiber and The Colosseum of Rome.

## **PE**

### **Gymnastics and Swimming**

Year 3 children will have the privilege of swimming each week this term by visiting Aylestone Leisure Centre. We will also be working on gymnastic skills in school with our specialist PE teacher Mrs. Magee.

## **PSHE**

### **Why are stereotypes unfair and how can I challenge them?**

In this unit we will be learning about diversity, what makes us similar and how we are all different but equal.

## **RE**

### **Who is my neighbour?**

This term we will be learning about how to treat your neighbour and why caring about others is important. We will also be learning more about Thomas Barnardo and Malala Yousafzai and how they have contributed to this work in society.

## **Music**

### **Notation**

This half term, the children will be reading music notation and using this to play tuned instruments. Throughout the unit, the children will be given the opportunity to perform in small groups.

## **Important Information**

- PE is on Thursday (indoor PE) and Friday (Swimming). Your child should come to school in their PE kit.
- Times Tables grids will be sent home this term, please encourage your child to learn their 2, 5, 10 and 11 Times Tables.
- It is important your child reads 3 times a week and their reading log must be signed and brought to school on a Friday.
- Homework will be handed out every Friday. Please complete the homework each week and upload a picture to Dojo. If you require a paper copy of the homework, then please contact your child's class teacher.
- The weather will be cold upon return in January, so please continue to wrap up your children warmly.
- Swimming will begin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, please make sure that all permission slips are returned to the office as soon as possible.