



Harvey Road School

Class 3

Spring 2017

Welcome to Class 3

Enclosed within this brochure you will find details about what your child will be learning in all the different areas of the curriculum this term. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak with Mrs Adams.

Essential information

Homework

Children will continue to use their homework diaries in Year 3, which need to be signed over the weekend and returned on Monday please. If diaries are not signed by Wednesday that child will be in working break as it is important that we know messages have reached home. Homework will be given on Friday and needs to be completed on sheets and kept in the homework folders. All homework must be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest, otherwise it will need to be completed during break time. Children are encouraged to bring it in earlier if completed over the weekend. If your child has a problem with the homework please make a note on the work or in the homework diaries or come in and see us.

Spellings will be given on a Friday in the form of dictation sentences and tests will be completed the following Friday. Most children will be given a dictation book where they can practice the week's sentences but some groups may bring their spellings home on a sheet. Please listen to your child read on non-homework nights and sign the homework diary or reading card to show how often they have read to you. Please discuss books and check your child's understanding.

P.E.

PE kit will be required on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure children have either plimsolls or trainers in school.

General

Children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive fruit as a snack. They are encouraged to bring in their own healthy snack for morning break. Library books will be changed on Fridays – please remember to return the following week.

We would welcome offers of help from parents, especially to help with reading and craft activities. Please note all regular helpers should have a current Harvey Road DBS check. Mrs Edmunds will be providing PPA cover on Tuesday afternoons and support will be provided by Mrs Rogers and Mrs Patel. Mr Dunkley will be covering Mrs Pennell's lessons on a Thursday for the first half term.

Trips will include a visit to Verulamium Museum as part of our Romans topic and a visit to the Easter Labyrinth at the Baptist Church. Thank you for your support, we look forward to a happy and busy second term!

English

We will cover a variety of units, including: Myths, Legends & Fables (this will include Greek and Roman myths) and Plays & Dialogues, which will involve the children writing and directing their own play. Non-fiction topics will be Report writing (all about Big Cats) and Information texts.

Other literacy work will include guided reading and spelling and grammar sessions. The children will have weekly handwriting lessons and may earn a handwriting pen if their writing is consistently neat and well spaced.

Maths

In maths we will be learning/reinforcing the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. There will be new work on fractions and decimals, including ordering and rounding with one decimal place and adding/subtracting fractions and decimal tenths.

We will be calculating increasingly large numbers (3-4 digits) using mental and formal written methods. Work on telling the time will continue, with children expected to tell the time to the nearest minute. We will also be measuring using standard units and learning roman numerals. Children will begin work on statistics, using bar charts, pictograms and tables and using simple scales.

Please practice times tables at home whenever possible as it will greatly help children with their weekly times table and mental arithmetic tests.

Science

In the first half of the term we will be studying Rocks and Soils: comparing and grouping together different types of rocks and finding out about fossils and volcanoes.

In the second half we will be studying Plants. This will include exploring the relationship between structure and function and a first look at transpiration and photosynthesis.

Geography/History

In History we will be studying the Romans, learning about the beginning of the Roman Empire and life in Roman Britain. We will be visiting Verulamium Museum as part of this topic. Our Geography topic is 'Extreme Earth' and will involve the study of extreme weather, earthquakes and volcanoes.

D&T

In DT we will be starting a new topic 'Packaging' which will involve designing and making a container. This topic will be closely linked to maths (nets).

Art

Our Art unit is 'Patterns' and our work will be closely linked to our Romans topic (including mosaics and making shields). We will also be creating still life paintings and looking at the work of Van Gogh.

Music

In music this term, we will begin to learn the recorder. We will be focusing on composition and linking music to dance and ancient civilisations. The children will then use their knowledge to compose their own pentatonic melody, using the stave to write their melody down.

PE

PE this term will include dance, gym and outdoor games. Our dance sessions will be based on our history topic about the Romans and we will be experimenting with body shapes and developing group dances. In gym, the children will look at symmetry and asymmetry and will learn to create fluent sequences on the floor and apparatus. Outdoor games will focus on invasion games developing skills of striking, attacking and defending and understanding the use of space.

ICT

Our topic for the term is Developing Communication. Children will be learning about different forms of communication in the modern world, including text messaging and emails. Children will learn that electronic communications require connections and will continue to be made aware of e-safety.

The integrated task will involve recording sound and using sound editing software.

RE

The main focus will be about the life of Jesus and the stories he told. We will also study how Christians celebrate Lent and Easter.

PSHE

As always, PSHE lessons are adapted according to the needs of the class at the time with the main focus on learning what positively and negatively affects their physical, mental and emotional health. Themes will include friendships, anti-bullying, British values and keeping safe, including online safety.

MFL

Our French topic is Money. We will be learning to count to 39 in French and will begin to look at the Euro, focusing on French shops. Children will learn how to voice preferences and how to say whether they like or dislike items, such as food and toys.