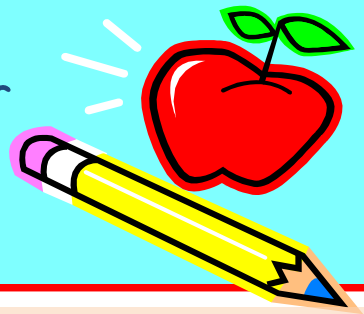


# Year 3 Class Newsletter

Summer term 2018



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This year has flown by and as always, this term will be busy and fun-packed. Here is some information to help you support your child in school this term...

## Mathematics

In Maths, we will be developing the following skills and applying them through problem solving:

- Number and Fraction:  
Equivalent Fractions  
Comparing and ordering Fractions  
Adding and Subtracting Fractions
- Measurement:  
Time  
Mass and Capacity
- Geometry:  
Properties of Shapes  
Naming 2D and 3D shapes

Children's multiplication and division knowledge has a significant impact on their maths ability and so it is important they practise in school and at home. Our multiplication and division club challenges will be on Friday mornings and will be marked and given back to the children on the same day to help give instant feedback. Please support and encourage your child in learning their times tables. 2s, 5s and 10s should now be secure so focus should be on 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s and scaling if your child is working on a Wizard club. Your support here is much appreciated. Little and often works best! Daily DoodleMaths app practise at home will also help your child to make great progress this year and help build their 'streaks'.

## English

In English, we will continue with Talk for Writing. The children are so enthusiastic about this approach so please encourage them to share our 'model texts' at home! We are creating some very talented writers in Year Three. Our first unit will focus on building suspense. We will also explore non fiction through the form of a newspaper report.

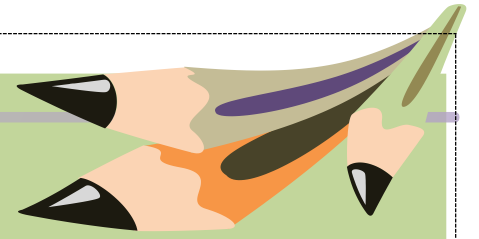
## Reading

The children are developing the reading skills of retrieval and inference through our whole class reading sessions. They are also practising their comprehension skills and writing answers. This is something that will continue into the summer term.

Please ensure children are still reading daily, independently or to an adult. We regularly check reading records, so please encourage your child to record their reading. We often set questions about the 'home reader' and some of these are going unanswered! Please support your child in this area. We want to hear their opinions on what they have read, not just see page numbers!

## Science

Our unit of work for this term will be focusing on 'Forces and Magnets'. We will investigate how forces act on objects and comparing whether materials are attracted to a magnet and looking at magnetic poles and whether they attract or repel. We will then be moving onto topic on plants. We will be learning about the role of the different parts of a plant and what they need to grow well.



## Topic

Our topic this term is The Romans! We will be thinking about the Roman invasion of Britain, how they lived and what they left behind. We will be focusing in particular on presenting our work creatively and to a high standard, thinking about our audience. Any reading or research that your child would like to do at home, is very welcomed!

## Art

For our Amazing Art Day, we focused on the artist Kandinsky. We researched his early life then explored his different styles of abstract art. We completed the day by listening to two contrasting pieces of music to reflect our mood and emotions.

## D.T.

In D.T. we will be designing, making and evaluating Roman catapults. The children will also be having cooking lessons.

## Computing

In computing, we will be continuing to develop our skills with programming using the Chromebooks. We will also be looking at effective and safe online research.

## P.E.

P.E. will take place on Thursday starting with athletics. We will continue to be going swimming on Friday afternoons. Please make sure P.E. kits are in school, swimming kits on Friday and no jewellery is worn on either P.E. days.

## French

In French we will be continuing to build on vocabulary learnt throughout the year as well as learning new vocabulary for weather, months, our age and introducing family members.

## R.E.

In R.E. we will be exploring religious buildings and explain how they are used. We are also focusing on the Holy Communion and its symbolism as well as learning about religious figures in Bible stories.

## Music

In Music, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder and practice our skills ready to perform at a local Recorder Festival in July. We will then be moving on to learning and performing songs for the KS2 production.

## Home learning

Please support your child's learning by practising their spellings with them and reading daily. Please record any books read in their reading record (this includes 'home' books). To support their Maths learning, please practise the multiplication and division club they are working on and encourage the use of 'DoodleMaths' for 10 mins daily. Little and often works best. Please also encourage high standards of presentation with anything your child does at home, especially handwriting.

Any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us after school, or email us ([year3teacher@ridge.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:year3teacher@ridge.dudley.sch.uk)) and we will try our best to address them.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs Hemus and Mrs Dipple

