



# Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter

## Welcome to Year Three.

A whole term of learning has passed and what a whirlwind it has been! We are delighted to welcome you back for the Spring Term.

## Who's in the Year 3 team?

3C Class Teacher	Mrs Chessell
3S Class Teacher	Miss Smith
Year 3 Teaching Assistants	Mrs Harding Mrs Kenny Mrs Hodgson

## Spring 1 - What is needed when?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			All homework due <b>in</b> today	New homework goes <b>out</b> today Spelling Test today
<b>PE Kit</b> 3S			<b>PE Kit</b> 3C and 3S	<b>PE Kit</b> 3C

## Homework

In Year Three, it is really important to continue our good homework habits. Therefore, we are asking that you continue to take a little and often approach. The homework tasks given are essential skills and make a big difference to pupils' learning in class:

**Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** – children are to complete 20 garage sessions each week online, using either a computer or tablet. This resets on a Friday morning. All children are issued with their TTRS login and password. Please keep this safe.

**Spellings** – these are handed out every Friday and tested the following Friday.

**Reading** – please read with your child every day if possible, but at least 5 times a week, for around 10-20 minutes. Please complete your child's Reading Journal.

**SPAG.COM** - children will use [www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com) to complete a series of spelling, grammar and punctuation questions either using a computer or tablet. All children are issued with their login details. Please keep this safe. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

# Spring Term Curriculum Map

## English Spring 1

The two texts we will look at this term are 'The Tin Forest' and 'The Barnabus Project'. These texts will allow us to describe settings and write non-chronological reports. We will build on our skills to use possessive apostrophes, subordinating conjunctions and paragraphs.

## English Spring 2

We will be learning to write persuasively using the text 'Hey little ant', before transporting ourselves back to Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius. We will be writing diary entries as the main characters of the story 'Escape from Pompeii'.

## Computing Spring 1

We will be looking at sequencing sounds and introducing the programmer Scratch to conduct commands and sounds.

## Computing Spring 2

We will be branching databases.

## Science Spring 1

In Science, we will be learning all about rocks and soils. We will learn about the rock cycle and be able to name the different rock types before exploring fossils and soil.

## Spanish Spring 1

We will be learning Spanish numbers to 30.

## DT Spring 1

Linking to our geography topic on mountains, we will be learning how to make 'Shell Structures' in order to produce a rescue survival kit for people caught in earthquakes.

## Geography Spring 2

We will be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes – how they occur and where they can be found. We will be learning about the different types of volcanoes and may even get a chance to cause an actual eruption – be prepared!

## Art Spring 2

Linked to the Romans, we will be making coil pots out of clay, developing our sculpture skills.

## Maths Spring 1

We will be learning to identify fractions of shapes and then how to calculate fractions of amounts. We will then move on to place value with measurement (time).

## Maths Spring 2

We will be continuing to develop our ability to add, subtract, deal with fractions, geometry and identify angles.

## Religious Education Spring 1

We will focus on the concept of good and evil, particularly within the Hindu religion.

## Religious Education Spring 2

The theme for our RE unit this half term is changing emotions, love and links to Christianity.

## RHE Spring 1 - Keeping Safe

We will be learning how to keep safe; we'll be learning about hazards, dangers and risks, and learning about basic safety and how to seek help.

## RHE Spring 2 - Being my best

We will be learning about rights and respects.

## Music Spring 1

We will be looking at the pentatonic scale on the glockenspiels.

## Music Spring 2

Meet the Orchestra – we will be exploring the different families that instruments belong to and discover how an orchestra is organized.

## PE Spring 1

Dance  
Indoor Athletics

## PE Spring 2

Swimming  
Rugby

## History Spring 2

We will be learning about the Romans this half term, with a trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace to support our learning!