

## Y3 Class Newsletter—Autumn 1 2025

### English

In our written work this term, we will be using the book *The Tunnel*, by Anthony Browne, to inspire our own narrative writing, with a focus on setting descriptions.

Later in the term, we will create diary entries based on our growing knowledge of life in Ancient Rome.

Our last unit for Autumn One will be a poetry unit.

### Maths

In maths, we are already revising and building on the children's knowledge of place value.

Later in the term, we will be developing skills in using the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - and working on applying their understanding to problem-solving.

### Science

Our science focus this term is all about light. Including understanding about darkness and shadows, light reflection, and sources of light, including the Sun.

The work will be as hands-on as possible, using our wonderful outdoor space to support lessons. We will also look at ways of recording investigations, as well as the different enquiry types.

### Our Learning This Term

A very warm welcome to Year 3! We are delighted with the wonderful start the children have made to Key Stage 2. They are already showing great enthusiasm for their learning and adapting well to the new routines and expectations. It's clear that they are ready to rise to the challenges of Year 3, and we are very excited to see how they will continue to grow and flourish this year.

Our history this term, as well as some of our other work, will focus around the Roman invasion of Britain. Later in the term, we would like to take the children to Ancaster for a morning, to explore the area and see what we can discover about its fascinating past. To keep it simple (and free!) I will be asking for volunteers to transport the children to and from Ancaster - please look out for a letter in the next couple of weeks.



### History

We have the most amazing (and possibly even my favourite) history topic to begin the year - The Romans! Not only that, it's also our local history study, so we will be able to think about the ways that our lives have been influenced by the Roman invasion and occupation of Britain. We will be visiting one of our local villages to see what we can find out about its history and significance during Roman times.

### Art

We have a fabulous art curriculum in school, and Year 3 will begin their KS2 journey by studying gestural drawing using charcoal and chalk, as well as exploring drama and performance.

We will take our inspiration from studying the work of Heather Hansen, Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas.

### RE

This term, we are asking the key question, "What does pilgrimage mean to individuals and communities?" We will learn about the concept of pilgrimage and its significance in Abrahamic religions, Hinduism and other Dharmic traditions.

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### Reading

This term we are reading a fantastic book called Roman Diary, The Journey of Iliona by Richard Platt. Not only will the children learn more about life in Ancient Roman times, but the book will support them later in the term when they begin work on writing a diary extract in English.

### PE

This term we will be working on fitness and football in our PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please make sure full PE kits, including sports socks, joggers or leggings, and sweatshirts (for the colder days) are in school all week.

### Homework

Homework will usually be sent out on Tuesdays and should be returned to school by the following Monday, at the latest. It will usually consist of English and maths. Please feel free to support your child with their work - it would be really helpful if you could add a quick note at the bottom if you feel like they really struggled and could do with more support. There will also be weekly spellings, Times Tables Rock Stars and reading.

### Supporting Your Child At Home

We all know enormous benefits, as well as the great pleasure, of reading. Please encourage your child to read (or be read to) regularly at home - at least 3 times a week - and record it in their diary each time. Mrs Pepper has supported all the children in finding a home reading book to get them started. They can now change their reading book independently, whenever they are ready.

Knowing the times tables (and their associated division facts) supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more confident in maths. Playing tables games and practising them in the car, for example, will really help your child, along with logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars at <https://trockstars.com/>. Please encourage your child to log in regularly - please let me know if you are having any problems logging in, or have forgotten login details.

There are some amazing books out there which will support your child in their understanding about our history work on the Romans including, of course, Terry Deary's Horrible Histories, and Roman Diary by Richard Platt.

### About Y3

We are very lucky to have Mrs Pepper working with us in the mornings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Year 3. She will also work with the children on Monday afternoons, covering Computing and ICT, and PSHE.

We have a class fish tank in Year 3 which is currently rather lacking fish! However, hopefully the situation will soon be rectified and the children will be able to help out in the daily care of a new fishy friend.

If you need to contact me, the quickest and easiest way is via: [Year3Class@rauceby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Year3Class@rauceby.lincs.sch.uk). This email will be checked before and after school, so if your communication is urgent, please contact the school office.

