

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2023



A huge well done to everyone in Year 3 for such a wonderful, calm, and successful start to the school year. We look forward to a happy and healthy year together!

Year 3 Curriculum

- In **English** this half term, our focus will be The Romans, we will be looking at stories and literature from this historical setting. We will be reading a story called 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and will use this to write a description of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have also arranged a Skype session with Christina Balit, which we are very much looking forward to! After that module, the children will begin to write their own instructions on 'How to Become a Roman Gladiator'.
- Our **Maths** topics this half term will include place value and addition. In place value, the children will be exploring the value of numbers as well as comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. After that, we will be moving onto addition which involves adding three-digit numbers using written methods such as the columnar method.
- In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Forces and Magnets' this half term. Children will learn about the different forces around us and how they work. Children will also be exploring magnets and learning which materials are magnetic. If the children have any information or books about 'Forces and Magnets', they are more than welcome to bring them in to share. We encourage the children to make use of the school library and local libraries which have a wonderful selection and may be able to help with home learning or homework activities.
- In **History**, we will be learning about the Romans including the Roman Empire, Roman soldiers and Boudicca's revolt! We are planning an 'in school' Roman themed day for the children towards the end of term - watch this space!
- In **DT** this term, the children will be making their very own 'How to Become a Roman Gladiator' pop-up book! We will be teaching the children how to make a variety of different pop-up mechanisms, which they can then include in their own book.

- In **Music**, children will begin to learn and develop their recorder skills, including how to hold a recorder and how to produce a clear sound. We will initially learn to play the notes B and A. We look forward to learning a new instrument together.
- In **Computing** this half term, children will revise their learning on the importance of e-safety. We will be revising the SMART rules and learning the importance of staying safe online. We will then be moving onto to looking at spreadsheets.
- In **RE**, we will be learning about the religion of Hinduism and its origins.
- We will begin our **French** lessons by the children learning to introduce themselves. We will then move onto greetings, numbers 0-10, colours and finish with following simple classroom instructions.

Priory Rise's Value of the Month for September & October:

Respect

During the month of September, we are focusing on our school value of 'respect'. We will be discussing what it means and how we can show respect in our everyday lives. In October, our value of the month will be 'appreciation'.

Homework

At Priory Rise we consider homework to be extremely important as a means of continuing and developing the learning that takes place in the classroom. We welcome the support that parents provide in assisting their children with homework at home and encouraging the children to complete their tasks to the best of their ability and to the highest of standards.

Spelling

This term, children will learn spelling rules and patterns as part of our English lessons each week. A letter outlining the weekly sounds will be sent home shortly. At the end of each term, the children will be tested on their spellings. These spellings will then be sent home so that the children can practise them.

MyMaths

Children will be set several Mymaths tasks to complete before the end of term. The tasks will link to our current learning in Maths and will help to further consolidate their learning.

Homework Bingo

Every half term, children will be sent home a 'homework bingo' via Google Classroom. This will include various homework tasks that children will be able to complete and score homework points. Children will have the choice to choose which homework tasks they would be interested in. The children will be given a homework folder to put their work into. Please ensure that the work is uploaded via Google Classroom, before the due date. Watch this space!

Reading

To encourage children to continue reading at home, children will be participating in a 'reading race'. Each week, if a child has read a minimum of three times (and has recorded this in their home-school link book), they can move their name along the reading race in their class. If children have successfully completed the reading race, they will be awarded with a special treat. Each class has a different reading race.

Times Tables

Times tables are an important part of the Year 3 curriculum, and we test the children on this each week. We start by recapping our 2x, 5x and 10x. It is an expectation that the children are also confident in their 3x, 4x and 8x by the end of the year.

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Physical Education

PE and Games in Key Stage 2 will take place on the following days this half term:

	Year 3 Morpurgo	Year 3 Pullman	Year 3 Browne
Indoor PE	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Outdoor PE	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

Mr Smyth and Mr Neal will teach the children both indoor and outdoor PE. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their Priory Rise PE kit on the appropriate days.

Also, as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.

Healthy Snacks

In Year 3, children are no longer provided with fruit at playtime. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy fruit snack to school for morning break. This may be fruit or vegetables. **Please remember that we are a nut free school.**

Dates for the diary

Friday 8th September 2023: Theme dress up day- Bears

Monday 11th September 2023- Recorder lessons begin

Friday 20th October 2023- Roman Day

Friday 20th October 2023- Half term

Staff in Year 3

Teachers: Miss Dixon- Year 3 Leader & Class Teacher

Mrs. Fox - Class Teacher

Miss Fenables- Class Teacher

Mrs. Brazeley - Class Teacher

Teaching Assistants- Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Bromage

1:1 Teaching Assistants- Mrs. Russell- Carter, Mrs Patel,

Year 3 book recommendations

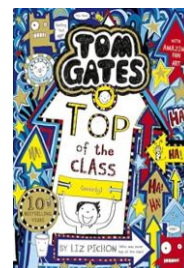
Miss Dixon recommends... The Nothing To See Here Hotel- Steven Butler

Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. The story takes off with the arrival of goblin prince Grogbah and his enormous entourage. He's a very difficult guest, and is Granny right when she decides he's up to something sneaky? The plot zips along like the best-oiled luggage trolley and Butler and Lenton make readers feel completely at home in the extraordinary world they've created. A 5* reading experience and the first in a new series to boot.



Mrs Brazeley recommends... Tom Gates Top of the Class- Liz Pichon

A very funny read about a boy named Tom and his many school adventures. With their graphical illustrations and catchy stories, the books in this series are a perfect bridge for children who might be a bit reluctant to move on to chapter books.



Miss Fenables and Mrs Fox recommend...The Accidental Prime Minister- Tom McLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral, and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

