

Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter- Year 3, January 2024



Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a happy Christmas break. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this Spring Term in school.

Our Focus Values for the Spring Term are Humility, Respect and Reverence

Our Theme for the Spring Term is: My Region, Campania (Italy) and the Roman Empire

English	<p>Reading Focus: We will be reading 'The Iron Man' this Term. The children will be drawing inferences, retrieving information and making predictions using their own version of the text; which we are very excited about. The children will look at the authors vocabulary choices throughout the text and begin to use dictionaries to help understand new and unfamiliar vocabulary. We will also compare the story of Iron Man to a short animation called 'Powerless'.</p> <p>Writing Focus: This term we will be working towards a range of different writing outcomes to allow the children to develop a broad range of skills. Our first goal is for the children to write an alternative ending to the story using a number of different descriptive techniques such as adverbs of time and past progressive tense. We will then focus on a non-fiction outcome, where the children will create a set of instructions on how to build an Iron Man.</p> <p>We continue to work on building up the children's confidence within their writing and are looking forward to creating more detailed pieces of work. We will be encouraging the children to maintain neat presentation of their work and will be especially focused on ensuring writing is joined and legible.</p> <p>Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling Focus: We have identified spelling patterns that children will focus on in Term 3 and Term 4. Our weekly focus pattern will be listed on the spelling sheets. Please support your child in learning their weekly spellings.</p>
Maths	<p>This term we will continue to focus upon arithmetic including; calculating addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers and recall of multiplication and division for the 3, 4- and 8-times tables. We will build upon previous learning about fractions and make comparisons between proper fractions. We will also begin to look at using column methods for addition and subtraction calculations.</p>
RE	<p>This term we will be looking at The Trinity. Through this we will develop our understanding of Christianity and learn about what the Holy Trinity represents. We will begin to explore the concept of Incarnation and Salvation.</p>
Science	<p>Our science theme this term is 'Animals, including humans.' We will first be looking at how humans keep healthy through diet and exercise. We will then go on to understand the functions of our skeletons and muscles. Using this knowledge, we will compare the differences between humans and animals.</p>
Computing	<p>This term we will be focussing on Programming. We will be looking at the concept of sequencing in programming through Scratch. It begins with an introduction to the programming environment, which will be new to most learners. They will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences. The final project is to make a</p>

	representation of a piano. The unit is paced to focus on all aspects of sequences, and make sure that knowledge is built in a structured manner.
PE + Sports	This term in PE we will be visiting the Melksham Campus for swimming sessions every Thursday. On Mondays we will have Gymnastics sessions which focus upon developing balance and body control on apparatus. In term 4, Dance will be developing moves for a Roman dance.
History	In term 4 our history will be looking at the Romans. We will look at the History of the Roman Empire and how it grew rapidly over time. We will also be looking at the Roman Army and learning how to use different sources of evidence to gain an understanding of the past.
Geography	In geography children will learn about the world and how it is represented on maps. They will discover the different countries and capital cities of Europe as well as recapping the countries and cities of the UK. Children will specifically focus on Italy and will learn the key human and physical features of the country before focusing on the region of Campania.
Art and Design	We will be replicating some of the techniques used by noted artists. We will be experimenting moods with colours.
D.T	In Term 3 we will be exploring pneumatic systems and creating moving monsters.
Modern Foreign Languages	In French in term 4, children will be looking at the different months of the year as well as the four seasons.
PSHE	Our PSHE topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be learning dreams and goals, and why it is important to have ambitions. We will look at inspiring stories of people who have overcome challenge whilst working towards something and link this to our value of courage.
Music	This term in Music we will be looking at "Three Little Birds".
Attendance	This year we have a school target of 97% for all pupils. It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school or not. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school for support and an action plan (to restore their attendance to a level that will allow them to achieve well at school).
Learning at Home	To support children's learning we greatly encourage regular reading at home, this can be any text type (not just books from school). Children should also regularly practice their spellings (broadening their knowledge and understanding of the words and spelling patterns) and mental maths ('Hit the Button' and Times Tables Rock Stars are a useful website to develop quick recall skills.) Please continue to support your children at home in these areas.
Important Information	Swimming- Thursdays Term 3 and 4. Chestnut class assembly – Tuesday 6 th February Rowan class assembly- Tuesday 5 th March

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo.

Mrs Walker and Mrs Bell