



## Monkton CEP School

### Ladybird Class

### Newsletter

### Term 1- I am Warrior

*'In God's eyes, everyone is special'*



#### English

After a few assessments to see where we all are in our learning journeys, we will begin our topic, I am Warrior, which explores Ancient Rome. We will begin by learning all about Soliloquies, where we will imagine the thoughts of Roman warriors as they prepare for battle. After we will explore play scripts followed by instructions, menus and invitations for a Roman banquet. Class 3 will be writing historical narratives of stories, packed full of excitement and suspense. Finally, we will end the term writing letters as Romans who have moved to a strange, cold place called Thanet in a recently invaded country called Britain.

#### Science

Our first topic in Science this year is sound. We will be learning what sound is, how it travels and how we can hear. We will also carry out a science investigation on the question- Did Romans use toilet roll?

#### Maths

Once we have established where we are in our learning following a few assessments, we will move onto the curriculum where we will focus on number and place value during term 1, moving onto addition and subtraction. Times tables will be a focus throughout this year and time will be spent in class securely learning each time table so that children will know them in the correct order, mixed up and the in the inverse.

#### General

Welcome to class 3, Ladybird class and the start of a new school year. I am hoping the children and yourselves are as excited as we are to return to some sense of normality. However, we do understand these have been extremely difficult times for many of you and will work closely with you to support both your children and yourselves in any way we can. On that note, please feel free to email me at any time at: [lwarner@mandm.school](mailto:lwarner@mandm.school). Hopefully, I will be able to answer any questions, concerns or worries you may have.

#### ICT

The first priority at the start of term will be to make sure every child understands how to stay safe when using any technology on line. We will then learn about reliable search engines and how to use them effectively for research before beginning to learning what software developers do.

#### RE

In term 1 we will be learning about Christianity, specifically People of God. Exploring the key question: What is it like to follow God?

#### PE

Class 3 will have PE on a Tues afternoon, although please could PE kits remain in school at all times. In Term 1, Team Theme will be exploring dance. Although there will be no after school sports clubs during term 1, we will look to reintroduce these as soon as we can.

## Foundation subjects

**History-** The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

**Geography-** Comparing Britain and Italy; using maps; locational knowledge.

**Art-** Sketching human body poses- Boudica; 3D modelling and sculpture. Mosaics of Gladiator scenes

**Design Technology-** Roman legacy- how they improved all our lives even today. Roman food. Weaponry- shields and helmets.

**French -** Eurostar's programme- 'Moi'- all about me

**Music -** Creating mood through music, focus on movies. Using dance with mood music.

**PSHE-** There will be a well being focus throughout the term, with a focus week during the first week of term to help support all children in their return to school. In addition, we will be completing the Heart smart programme- Get Heart smart

## Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
vibration	centurion	addition	adjectives
pitch	gladiator	subtraction	noun
wave	legion	equals	verb
vibrate	chariot	rounding	soliloquy
volume	aqueduct	nearest	adverbs

## Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82> Sound

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8> Ancient Roman life

<https://trockstars.com/> - Times Table Rock Stars

## Special days (unfortunately the come join us days will not take place until current COVID restrictions are lifted)

- Dates for diaries: PE is on a Tuesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> September- Roald Dahl Day- welcome to come in dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour- yellow
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> September- Roman Day- come dressed as someone from Ancient Rome or even a warrior (a white sheet wrapped around and tied with belts works well!)
- Week beginning Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct- Homework projects all due in
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October- end of term