

Important Dates

Friday 10th January – Homework Celebration Assembly

Thursday 16th January – Parents' Evening Booking opens

Monday 27th January – STEAM Week starts

Tuesday 4th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 6th February – Bolivia Trip to the Museum of London to learn about the Romans

Wednesday 12th February 1.40 – 7pm – Parents' Evening (*Children finish at 1.30pm*)

Thursday 13th February – Argentina Trip to the Museum of London to learn about the Romans

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Monday 24th February 8.45 – First day back at school



Year Three Bolivia and Argentina Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Homework

Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework consists of English and Maths tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week and a literacy task.

A regular part of homework is weekly **spellings**. We practise these in class and children are tested on these on Friday.

Also, please practise the **times tables** with your child. Our focus this half term is the 4X, 8X and 5X. Please encourage your child to use the Timestable Rockstars app to support their timetables learning.

It is essential that your child **reads every day**. Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing. *They should complete in their Home Reading Journal at least 5 times a week and should bring it to school every day.*

It is important that your child does their homework – please help them by making sure they have time to do it.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the winter holiday. It is lovely to see your children back in class, keen and eager.

This term, Year 3 have the exciting opportunity to do some outdoor learning at Alexandra Palace. This is a new project that Ally Pally are piloting and we are very lucky to be part of it. Bolivia class will be taking part in this on **Thursday afternoons every week** in Spring 1 and Argentina class will be participating in it on one afternoon in Spring 2. *Children will require a warm waterproof coat, outdoor shoes/boots and trousers that you don't mind getting muddy.*

Should you wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free to talk to us after school or make an appointment. We hope to see you all at the Parents' Evening on Wednesday 12th February. Please do make sure you book an appointment.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child.

Warmest wishes

Ms Kennedy, Ms Conway, Ms Altun, Ms Aliose
The Year 3 Team

Writing

This term we will be writing in a variety of different genres. We will be starting the half term exploring Roman myths and then writing our own. For STEAM Week, we will be writing a biography of a famous scientist. We will be finishing the half-term writing our very own newspaper reports. Our grammar focus will be on using present perfect verbs, being clear about when we use 'a' and 'an' and using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Mathematics

We will recall and practise the 4X and 5X table and learning the 8X table. We will be revisiting fractions, using mental strategies for addition and subtraction and consolidating our learning about the column methods of addition and subtraction.

History

We will be learning about the Romans and placing them on a timeline. We will be particularly looking at Roman soldiers, Boudicca and Hadrian's Wall. Finally, we will be researching the lasting impact the Romans had on the UK.

Science

We will be investigating forces, in particular finding out more about friction and magnetic forces. We will be carrying out investigations and exploring what makes comparative and fair tests.

Writing and Reading
Myths and Legends
Biographies
Newspaper Reports

Mathematics
Fractions
Mental strategies
Addition
Subtraction

History
Romans

Science
Forces and Magnets

Reading

We will continue with Destination Reader, a reading programme to develop our reading skills of *inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections* through our daily reading lessons.

Computing
Word Processing

Computing

We will be learning about word processing and how to use Word, Power Point and Publisher.

Art
Mosaics

Music
Glockenspiel and Jazz

Art

To link with our History, we will be exploring Roman mosaics and then designing and creating our own mosaics.

Music

We will be learning the glockenspiel in the context of jazz music.

Physical Development
Dance / Gym Basketball

PSHCE
Let's Work
Going for Goals

RE
Islam

Spanish
Conversational Spanish

Spanish

We will continue to learn conversational Spanish about our countries.

Physical Development

Children must bring their complete PE kit every week.

Argentina: Tuesday (basketball) and Thursday (dance)

Bolivia: Monday (basketball) and Wednesday (gymnastics)

