

# Year 3 - Curriculum and General Information - Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to the Spring Term. Below is some helpful information that we hope you will find useful.

## Curriculum Areas

RE - Jesus at Prayer and From Lent to Easter.

English - This term our class books will be *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*, *How to Live Forever* and *The Princess' Blanket*. We will also be exploring a selection of poetry. Children will be developing their descriptive writing, including characters, settings and plots. In addition they will prepare and write their own stories and look at features of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Guided reading will take place four times a week to further develop key reading and writing skills.

Maths - Partitioning, counting, addition & subtraction, mental & written multiplication & division, fractions, geometry, 2D and 3D shapes, Angles, Measurement and statistics.

Science - Plants and Light.

Computing - Databases, Photos & images & E Safety.

History - The Romans.

Art - Sculpture and painting linked with History Topics.

Outdoor PE - J&C

Music - Recorder SPARKS program

French - Basic French with a focus on speaking.

## Important Dates

3CD Biking - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

3EW Biking - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

3DD Biking - 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

Half term ends - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.15pm

Term begins - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

3EW Abbey Mass - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

3DD Abbey Mass - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

3CD Abbey Mass - 9<sup>th</sup> March

School Trip to Verulamium - 19<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Eve - 27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holidays - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm

## Important General Notices/Info

PE Kit - All classes do PE on Wednesday afternoons, please ensure kit is always available

Reading - Please read and discuss books with your child every evening. It's great for them to read a wide range of books in addition to their school books where possible.

Spelling - The children each have a spelling box which they should use every day both in school and at home. These must be brought in to school every day.

Uniform - Please remember correct uniform at all times, especially hats to be worn to and from school. Please help your child to be able to independently do up their top button, tie and laces. **NAMES** - Please put your child's name on their uniform, PE kit, footwear, lunchbox, and all appropriate items to avoid items being lost.

Homework - All encouragement and support welcomed at home. Please ensure your child works as independently as possible.

Homework, including reading books, are due in every Tuesday.

Illness - if children have experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, you must inform the school, and please note that children are not permitted back to school until 24hrs after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea.

Abbey Mass Every Friday morning we attend mass at the Ealing Abbey. Children are to go directly to Ealing Abbey at the earlier time of 8.30am for Mass to start at 8.45am. The class teacher will walk back with the children to the school after the mass. Any parent help would be greatly appreciated to assist with walking the children back to school.

# Year 3 - Key Vocabulary- Spring Term 2018

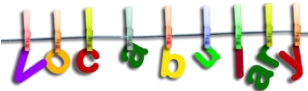
## Maths topics this term:

- ❖ Mental strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- ❖ Count on and back in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100
- ❖ Equivalent fractions; using them to simplify fractions
- ❖ Recognise tenths as a fraction and a decimal
- ❖ Compare and order fractions
- ❖ Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator
- ❖ Recognise and compare acute, right and obtuse angles
- ❖ Geometry; including 2D and 3D shape, perpendicular, horizontal and parallel lines.
- ❖ Solve word problems
- ❖ Statistics; including interpreting graphs and charts
- ❖ Weight and capacity
- ❖ Time; including estimating and reading time to the nearest minute



## Key Maths vocabulary:

Multiples, factors, acute, obtuse, right angle, parallel, perpendicular, decimal, equivalent, simplify, properties, tenth, capacity.



Please discuss this vocabulary at home with your children.



# SCIENCE



## Plants

- ❖ Nutrients
- ❖ Pollen
- ❖ Pollination
- ❖ Flowering plants
- ❖ Functions
- ❖ Transport
- ❖ Question
- ❖ Hypothesis
- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Method
- ❖ Observations
- ❖ Conclusion

## Light

- ❖ Source
- ❖ Reflection
- ❖ Fluorescent
- ❖ Opaque
- ❖ Translucent
- ❖ Transparent
- ❖ Reflective
- ❖ Material
- ❖ Braille
- ❖ Sun dial
- ❖ Shadow