

**In Year 3 this half term your child will be learning the following:**

**English**

- 'Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit
- Diary writing, narratives, descriptions, newspapers, recounts & instructions (fiction & non-fiction)

**How you can support your child:**

- Listen to them read at home, ask them questions about their book and encourage reading for pleasure. To help your child to improve their reading, encourage them to read at least three times a week and get their reading record signed each time.
- Research all about Pompeii – read non-fiction books about it as well as volcanoes.
- Watch environmental news
- Read books by a variety of authors both fiction and non-fiction.
- Read as many real life newspapers as possible.
- Help them to complete their homework.
- Practise their spellings with them.
- Listen to them reading poetry out loud.

**All reading books must be in school DAILY.**

**Maths**

**Number and place value – written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; place value, length/perimeter & fractions**

- Add and subtract with numbers up to 3 digits
- use the formal written methods for addition and subtraction
- mental addition and subtraction
- estimating answers
- Fractions
- Length & perimeter
- multiplication and division facts for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times tables up to 12x

**How you can support your child**

- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables. It is important that pupils know their times tables and can recall the corresponding division facts  
e.g.  $6 \times 4 = 24$ ,  $24 \div 6 = 4$ .
- Encourage your child to use maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money to pay in shops, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Encourage your child/play games with them – maths snap, hit the button, bingo etc.

**Science**

**Areas of Study:** Rocks, soils & fossils.

**How you can support your child:**

- Make a collection of stones and rocks, examine them closely and make notes on your observations. Try to identify some of the rock that you find.
- Discuss how different rocks are used as building materials.
- Discuss how fossils are created and what they actually are.
- Look at the role of an archaeologist in more detail.

**Useful links:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt>

**History – The Romans**

This half term we are studying The Romans. The pupils will be finding out about Romans, looking at the hierarchy of Roman society, the Roman Empire and army as well as how Romans changed life in Britain.

**How you can support your child:**

- To understand the terms 'invade' and 'settle' and to place the Roman period on a timeline (chronology).
- To find out why and how the Romans successfully invaded Britain.

- To find out who was in Britain when the Romans invaded and learn about their way of life.
- All about Boudicca
- Life in Roman Britain
- Roman achievements and how the Romans shaped the world today.

**Useful links:**

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

**PE**

Pupils will be doing PE every MONDAY and WEDNESDAY.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. They must bring in their jumper and coat as well as their book bags. As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on the PE day.

**Useful websites**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

The BBC site has a schools area with lots of games and learning resources for English and maths.

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/> - lots of activities and learning resources.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> – activities, homework and revision.

The following websites are excellent resources to practise and learn times tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<http://www.sums.co.uk/mathematics/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**We also have links on our own website and will be developing these throughout the year.**

**Homework**

Every Friday your child will be given:

- A piece of reading homework to supplement their reading books.
- Maths, English or topic work linked to learning in class.
- A set of spellings to be learnt for a weekly test.

**Contacts**

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