

Year 3

Curriculum Letter Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to year 3 and a new, exciting and busy term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready to take on the new challenges of the coming year.

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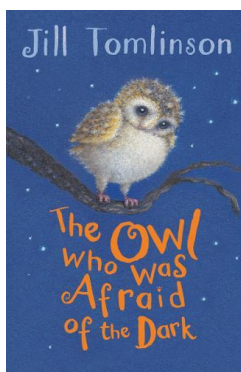


Our topic this half term is Italy, focusing on volcanoes and exploring the human and physical features of Italy whilst comparing the features to our town, Harlow. In **English** we will be looking at fantasy non-chronological reports, where children will be designing and writing about their own creatures. We will also be writing setting descriptions and exploring Haiku poems. We will also be reading the book 'The Hodgehog' in our **Guided Reading** lessons.

In **Maths** we are focusing on place value, addition, and subtraction. We will also be revising telling the time and names and properties of 2D and 3D Shapes. In **Geography** we will be learning about Italy and volcanoes and in **Science** we will become geologists and explore rocks and soils, linking this to our volcano topic. Our **Art** will be focused on Roman mosaics (like those discovered in Pompeii) and the children will have a chance to create their own.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at "being me in my world" which allows the children to explore and express their individuality. In **Music** we will be looking at how music brings us closer together.

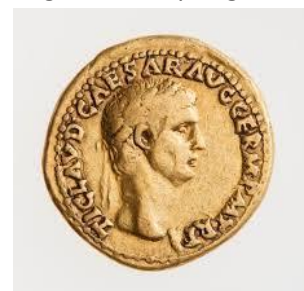
Autumn 2



In **English** this half term we will be reading 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. We will be looking at narratives based on Guided Voyages and recount writing. In **Maths** we are going to be learning to use the inverse, recall 4x table facts and missing number problems. We will continue to revise time and 2D and 3D shapes. In

Science we will be exploring physics and looking at magnets and springs. Our **History** topic this half term is the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will become archaeologists and learn about how historians

find out about the past, as well as learning about what life was like living in these early civilisations. Our **Design and Technology** project this term will be a constructing a gift box - ready to wrap for Christmas! In **PSHE** we will be "Celebrating differences" which helps children to see how people are



different and how to celebrate and be respectful of those differences. In **Music** we will be looking at how stories are told through music.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Every child is expected to have a kit, with plimsolls or trainers, in school every day. Please ensure earrings are removed as we cannot do that for the children and that you include a warm jumper/joggers for cold weather – we will be going outside regardless!

To support your children at home, we ask that you listen to them read, practise the spellings set on Spelling Shed and complete tasks on TT Rockstars. We will be doing weekly spellings and times tables tests.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, we are always available at the end of every day so please talk to us if you have any concerns or contact us on ClassDojo.

We look forward to a fantastic first term with you all!

Mrs Rouse and the Year 3 team