



WITHAM
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Year 3 Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2023

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PE - This year the children will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please ensure that your child brings their named PE t-shirt and shorts in a bag. As the weather gets colder, they can wear plain, dark coloured leggings or joggers and a sweatshirt. All earrings must be removed or covered.

Mathematics

In maths we will be following the Power Maths and White Rose schemes of learning.

Our focus in maths will be fractions, mass and capacity.

This module we will be focusing on the 4, 6 and 7 times tables.

It is important that your child is accessing Times Table Rock Stars to practice their times tables.

How can you support your child?

Access Times Table Rock Stars.

Sing the roll counting times tables songs. Please ask Miss Simeoli or Miss Parker if you would like the lyrics to these.

Practise measuring and reading scales when cooking and baking.

English

In our writing lessons we will be reading the story *Escape from Pompeii* and using this to inspire our writing. We will be writing recounts in the form of a diary entry based on the events in the story. We will be using adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions. We will also be looking at some non-fiction texts based on our history topic of Romans. In our reading lessons we will be reading a range of texts to develop our skills of summarising, retrieval and inference. Our whole class text this module is *The Secrets of Vesuvius*.

How can you support your child?

Ensure your child is accessing spelling shed weekly. New spellings are added every Friday.

Read with your child, this could be a book that you have at home or their reading for pleasure book.

Wider Curriculum

In History we will be continuing our learning about the Romans and thinking about Julius Caesar. We will also be exploring the colosseum and thinking about how it was used.

In Science we will be looking at plants (biology). We will learn how water is transported through a stem and trunk.

In Geography we will be continuing our learning around rainforests and comparing the climate to here in Britain. We will also be learning about compass points and using this within our map work.

In Art we will be exploring printing techniques and repeating patterns. We will use art work by William Morris to inspire us.

In PSHE we will continue looking at the UNICEF rights of a child and thinking about rights and responsibilities.

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and exploring the religious symbols.

We will also be taking part in lots of exciting forest school experiences to deepen our understanding in these areas.

The happiness and well-being of your child is most important to us and we can achieve this through our partnership with you. If you have any small concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or phase leader.

Attendance Matters

The school gates open from 8.30am and the school doors open at 8:40am with the school day starting promptly at 8.45 am. School gates close at 8:50am and any child arriving after this time will be deemed as late unless prior arrangements having been agreed.