

Class 3 - Spring Term 2016

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and on behalf of Mr Jones and Mrs Athey I would like to thank you for all our kind gifts.

This term we will be learning about:

English

Pompeii- This is an interactive fact book which we will be using to discover the events which lead to the destruction of Pompeii. We will use this book to inspire our own non-fiction writing, such as: chronological reports, explanations, newspaper reports and eyewitness accounts. As well as non-fiction writing, we will also be using this text as a basis for fiction writing, such as: diary entries, adventure stories and writing in role. Speaking and listening will take the form of drama based activities as well as factual presentations and discussions.

Maths

Real life Maths - using catalogues, menus, timetables, brochures in order to problem solve using all four operations; Fractions- comparing, converting, adding/subtracting, multiplying/dividing (Y6 only); Measures- time, weight, length and capacity; Decimals and Percentages - converting, calculating, problem solving; Statistics- reading and interpreting graphs; drawing graphs.

Science

Earth and Space- Why do we have seasons? What is our position within the solar system? How do the Earth and moon affect each other? How is the Earth affected by gravity and how does its gravitational pull affect objects around it?

Forces - What are the forces around us and how can we measure their effect?

Geography-using latitude and longitude coordinates to locate places on Earth. Investigating major cities around the world and planning routes to them.

History- Who were the Mayans and what can we find out about them?

Computing - programming/coding; and spreadsheets using 'Excel'.

Spanish - Miss Duggan from St Bedes will continue to teach the children every two weeks.

P.E - basketball skills in preparation for a Y5/6 tournament.

Hopefully the children with Lexia logins have been able to access this resource at home. If you are experiencing any problems please let us know.

Maths homework will continue to be set on Active Learn with English being in the form of spellings and reading. Y6 will receive additional homework in the form of Sats revision books.

Sats preparation - an after school sats preparation class will begin on Wednesday 20th January from 3.15-4.15 for all children. I try to keep this as fun as possible by including games and the children are allowed to bring a drink and one snack. Y6 will also be taught separately from Y5 on a couple of afternoons per week. Mr Jones will teach Y5. Mornings will continue as normal.

Thank you for your support with home reading by continuing to sign their books. This helps to keep us informed about their home reading.

