

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. This letter provides information about the Spring Term in Year 3. Should you have any further queries, you are of course always welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher through the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

7th (3CL), 8th (3H) & 9th (3W) February – Roman Days (information to follow)
9th February – Wear something Red with school uniform (Heart Month Fundraising)
9th February – End of Term 3
19th February – Start of Term 4
15th March – Open Afternoon (2.45pm)
15th March – Clubs End
19th & 21st March – Parents' Evening
26th March (2pm) – Year 3 Easter Production
28th March – End of Term 4
15th April – Start of Term 5

Roman Days

To support this term's History topic of Roman Britain, we will be holding exciting Roman Days for each class. We would like the children to dress up in costume as if they have been transported back to Roman Britain. Costumes do not have to be complicated; the majority of children come in long tunics or togas. Detailed information will follow nearer the time but we wanted to provide more notice to organise costumes.

Topics

This list is not definitive but it gives you a broad outline of the areas being addressed this term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 3 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:**
 - *Escape from Pompeii (Christina Balit)*
 - *The Magic Box - Poetry (Kit Wright)*
 - *Whole-School Text (TBC)*
 - *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- **Maths:** Multiplication and Division, Money, Statistics, Length and Perimeter, Fractions
- **Science:** Forces and Magnets
- **History:** Roman Britain
- **ICT:** Programming using Scratch, Touch Typing

Homework

Maths: Your child should continue to complete one page of their MA book each week. Please encourage them to complete all corrections before starting a new test. If you would like someone at school to help your child specific questions, please leave a note in their MA book or Planner. MA books are given out on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday.

Times Tables: The children have made fantastic progress in times tables during the Autumn Term. They complete weekly times tables activities and a more formal assessment at the end of each half term.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise at home as it is making a significant difference in their progress. They should begin by learning 2, 5 and 10s, then move on to 3, 4 and 8s before finally practising 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s. There are a number of really good apps/websites for learning times tables including Times Tables Rock Stars which we subscribe to as a school. If you would like spare copies of the weekly times tables tests carried out at school, please speak to your child's teacher.

Spelling: Your child will continue to bring home their orange spelling book each week. We will continue to test the children on a variety of words including those related to the spelling rules learnt at school, high frequency spellings and those from the statutory list. Children should spend at least 20 minutes learning their spellings and should be achieving at least 8/10 in their weekly tests. Spelling books are given out on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday.

Reading: Most children are progressing through the books in our banded reading scheme. They are given the opportunity to change their books daily but we understand that as the books become more challenging, they will need longer on each book. We appreciate that many children are now reading independently; however, it is really important that they continue to read aloud with an adult in order to support and check their comprehension skills. The children must record their reading in their planner and hand it in on a Friday. Recommended reading lists are available on the school website.

School Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, scissors, spare glue sticks and black dry wipe pens, and that these are replenished throughout the term.

Games and PE

Children should keep their PE kit at school during each half term; however, we are aware they might need to take some items home each week for use outside of school e.g. football boots. We will continue to do Games lessons throughout the winter months and therefore you are welcome to send your child in with hats, gloves or additional layers if the weather is particularly cold. **Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named.**

3W

Indoor PE (Term 3: fitness/athletics) - Thursday
Games (Term 3: tag rugby, Term 4: football) - Monday

3CL

Indoor PE (Term 3: fitness/athletics) - Thursday
Games (Term 3: football, Term 4: netball) - Monday

3H

Indoor PE (Term 3: fitness/athletics) - Tuesday
Games (Term 3: netball, Term 4: tag rugby) - Monday

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Wonnacott

Miss Harvey

Mrs Carver

Mrs Lester

Mrs Fox