



Diocese of Portsmouth

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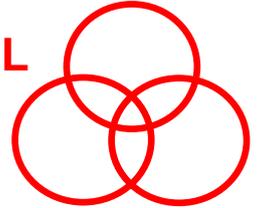
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Year 3 Letter to Parents for Spring 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am very excited to be welcoming your children back to Year 3. Your children will be more confident about returning to KS2 this term and will be ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

To ensure they quickly settle back into their class routines; they will be encouraged to **organise themselves** for lessons by remembering their reading books, homework books, reading records, PE and Swimming kit.

Please remember to supply a **named** bag containing a **named** costume, towel and hat every Friday.

English will be based on our History topic, **Roman Britain** and our Geography topic, **Incredible Italy**.

Reading: Our whole class guided reading book will be *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Andersen. The children will be answering comprehension questions and completing follow up activities based on this book. The main narrative texts which will be used in our lessons will be: *Escape from Pompeii*, *The Glass Heart*, *Pinocchio*, some Roman Myths and books about Mary Anning. They will have comprehension exercises based on the texts and will be encouraged to borrow books from the school library. We urge you to continue to read with your child **every day**.

Writing: This will also be taught through our topic and will include instructions, poetry, stories, newspaper reports, recounts, explanation texts, and biographies.

Handwriting: Some children in Year 3 are writing in continuous cursive now and feel quite proud of their achievement. It will continue to be an English target for all children.

All children will be encouraged to take pride in their presentation and produce neat, fluent, continuous cursive handwriting. <http://www.cursivewriting.org/cursive-1-fonts.html>.

Spellings/Phonics: These will be taught in spelling patterns and sent home every Friday for a test the following Wednesday.

Grammar and Punctuation: This will be taught within the topic and discreetly and there will usually be a weekly SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) test.





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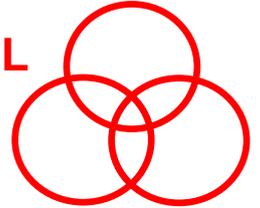
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Maths: It is imperative that children know all their times tables by the end of Year 3 and any extra help at home with this will be greatly appreciated. Please encourage your children to use Times Tables Rock Stars every week.

Number: Place value, addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions.

Measurement: measuring lengths, weight, capacity, perimeter, time and money.

Geometry: Properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Statistics: data handling, graphs, bar charts and pictograms.

We will also focus on problem solving using <http://nrich.maths.org>

Science: The topic this term is **Rocks and Soils**. This ties in well with the Geography topic as we will look at volcanoes and physical features of Italy.

We will start learning about **Light** once the previous topic is finished.

RE: This term we will be covering Christmas, Revelations and Lent.

DT/Art: Art week project, constructing volcanoes, making pizzas, constructing a castle (The Glass Heart), Easter cards, calligrams, shading for a purpose – still art and Mona Lisa – face expression

French: Seasons & the Weather, Madame Grogan.

Computing: The children will be coding on Purple Mash and Scratch.

PE: Swimming (Friday), gymnastics and dancing. Our Daily Mile track is now ready for use so please make sure your child has their trainers in school each day.

School Uniform and PE kit

Pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor activities, which includes footwear that is suitable for each setting. It is suggested that children **keep their PE kits in school** all week so that they can take part in any extra physical activities that may take place at short notice.

Educational Trips:

Abingdon Museum – TBC

Experience Easter – Thursday 26th March

Pizza Express trip – Tuesday 28th April (next term due to lack of availability)

Target Cards:

Your child will still have a target card for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science which will go home fortnightly on a Wednesday in order for you to have an insight into what we are doing in class and so that you can keep track of the progress your child is





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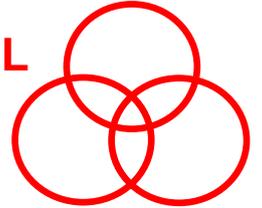
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making. We ask that these are returned to school on **Thursday morning** so we can continue to use them in class during the week.

Homework:

Friday	Homework and spelling given to be submitted by following Wednesday. Spelling Test
Wednesday	Homework due in from previous week. Target cards to be sent home fortnightly and to be returned the following day.
Every Day	Reading and multiplication tables.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Ms Foukaridou

