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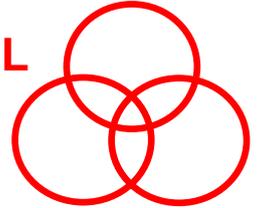
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### Year 3 Letter to Parents for Spring 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a peaceful and happy Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead. Thank you so much for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts from the children, we are very grateful. Please find some details about our curriculum during this term below:

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

**English** will be based on our history topic, **Romans in Britain** and our geography topic, **Incredible Italy**.

**Reading:** The main narrative texts which will be used in our lessons will be: 'Escape from Pompeii', 'The Glass Heart', 'Pinocchio', some Roman Myths and 'Stone girl, Bone Girl' (Mary Anning). The children will have comprehension exercises based on the texts and will be encouraged to borrow books from school. 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 the children. The 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 mainly by using spelling patterns and the children will be encouraged to practice individually during writing and editing sessions. Our new spelling scheme is called "No Nonsense Spelling," and has been used very successfully in other schools. Spelling is taught little and often, and focuses on spelling rules and patterns, following the National Curriculum guidance as usual. The new scheme gives the children more responsibility for their spelling by teaching them lots of methods for practising and learning words. It also gives them time to practice words which they use in their own writing, which are recorded in a personal spelling journal. Instead of a formal weekly spelling test, we will focus more on making sure that words are spelled correctly in the child's writing throughout the





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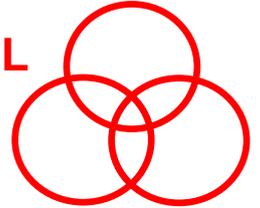
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week, encouraging children to have a go at spelling words they are not sure of and teaching them to be more independent. Therefore, the children *might* get a few words to practice each week using an activity of their choice from the spelling menu in their homework books but this is not preparation for a weekly spelling test.

**Grammar and Punctuation:** This will be taught discreetly within the topic and applied independently during writing tasks.

**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 the online TTRockStars 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 are aiming to cover **Light** as well.

**Religious Education:** We will be covering Christmas, Revelations, Lent and Holy Week this term.

**DT/Art:** Art week project (Salvador Dali), 3D Roman aqueducts, constructing volcanoes, volcano pastel drawings, constructing a castle (The Glass Heart), calligrams, sketching and shading for a purpose.

**ICT/Computing:** The children will be coding on Scratch Junior app and on Purple Mash.

**MFL:** This term we will be learning the Greek alphabet and some basic phrases to start communicating in Greek.

**PSHE:** Achievements, Goals, Always Learning, Living in the British Isles.

**PE:** Gymnastics and basketball.

Pupils are expected to arrive in their PE kit every Tuesday for indoor and outdoor activities, which includes footwear that is suitable for each setting. On cold days, the children can wear a black or navy pair of joggers instead of their PE shorts. The





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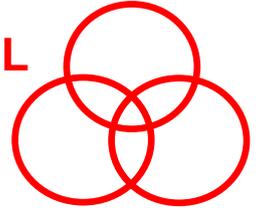
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children must arrive in their PE kits if they have lunch time or after school football club as well.

**Target Cards:** Your child will still have a target card for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science which will go home monthly on a Wednesday in order for you to have an insight in to what we are learning in class and so that you can keep track of the progress your child is 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:** Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays and will be expected back in the following Wednesday. Please also encourage your child to do times tables practice on TTRS for 10 minutes or so each day. It is important to keep practising these tables regularly, gaining fluency and speed which will help with many areas in Maths.

Another very powerful way to help your child is by supporting them to develop a love of reading. Reading regularly will help your child with every subject. Children who read regularly at school and at home make the most progress so thank you so much for your support in this area. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day.

<b>Friday</b>	Homework given to be submitted by following Wednesday.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework due in from previous week. Target cards to be sent home monthly and to be returned the following day.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Best wishes,

Ms Foukaridou

