



The Abbey CE VA Primary School

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TERMLY CURRICULUM LETTER

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Dear Parents,

Summary of Objectives for Year 3

For your information we have outlined below some of the topics that will be covered this term in Year 3. We have already made a good start to our studies and we feel sure that you will make every effort to assist and encourage your child as this term progresses. This term our work will also be influenced by the topic of **the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, particularly in the local area of St. Albans.**

Literacy

- Adventure stories (reading examples, examining features, grammar, sentence construction, planning, writing, editing and redrafting)
- Live chat show challenge, creating a persuasive presentation about the development of the railways.
- Planning and writing a newspaper report.
- Calligrams and shape poems.

Maths

- Development of mental addition and subtraction strategies
- Adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator
- Recognising equivalences between $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$
- Ordering fractions
- Application of times tables to solve problems and scale
- Multiplication using the grid method
- Formal addition and subtraction strategies
- Identifying perpendicular and parallel lines
- Reflective symmetry
- Measuring and using scales
- Interpreting bar charts
- Telling the time, recognising am and pm and reading the 24 hour clock
- Roman numerals and review and assessment.





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Science

This half term the children will be continuing to learn about **magnets and forces**. After half term the children will be exploring **light**, looking at reflection and shadows.

History and Geography

This term the children will be taught about **the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain**. They will look at the 'Romanisation' of Britain and use geographical skills to compare Roman and modern trade in Britain. The children will also utilise field work skills to look at the impact and legacy of the Romans in St. Albans.

PSHE & Citizenship

This term the children will be focusing on the unit '**rights and responsibilities**'.

Art, Design and Technology

This half term they will be exploring **Roman mosaics**, designing and creating a model of a wealthy Roman villa. Next half term the children will undertake a design and make project to create a **vegetarian pizza**, building on their knowledge of nutrition and healthy eating.

Computing

This half term the children will be studying the unit iConnect focusing on computer networking. Next half term the children will be studying iSimulate focusing on computer simulations.

P.E.

This term P.E. is taught on a **Friday** morning by Mr. Morgan, a qualified sports coach, although your child should have his/her PE kit in school every day. The children will be developing golf skills, tennis skills and playing striking and fielding games. We are swimming this term on **Friday** afternoons at St Albans School.

It is a statutory requirement that all children must participate in games sessions. If your child does not have their kit in on a games day then they will have to participate in the session in their school uniform and school shoes. If your daughter wears tights to school, please ensure she has a pair of socks in her sports kit to wear for PE lessons. If your child has a genuine medical reason why they cannot take part in a games session then a note must be provided.

All children are required to wear smart school uniform and school PE kit. No jewellery may be worn to school, except a wristwatch and a small pair of stud earrings. Loose hair must be tied back and hair accessories should be blue and discrete. Hair gel/ hair colouring or stencil designs, make up and nail varnish are not permitted. If your child wears earrings, you may choose to take them out on PE days. Otherwise the pair of stud earrings and a watch if worn would be removed for PE lessons.

Music

The children will have hymn practice on a Wednesday, half class recorder lessons on a Thursday, followed by a whole class music lesson with Mrs. Price each week on Thursday. The children also have the opportunity to join and perform in the school choir. In music lessons the children will



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explore and create rhythms; sing and compose music; explore structure, textures; layers and rondo structure and combine ostinati. The music topic is the Human Body. Children will create skeleton dances and songs; use percussion instruments and improvise and create word rhythms.

French

This term the children will be learning about parts of the body and colours. After half term the children will look at animals and the numbers 11-20.

Religious Education

Throughout the year the class will focus on the religions of **Christianity** and **Islam**. This term the children will learn about **rules and how they influence actions and special places and sacred spaces**.

What do we expect of you?

You can help and support us by:

- Listening to your child read each evening.
- Discussing the books your child is reading.
- Testing all times tables on a regular basis.
- Assisting your child with research and other studies as appropriate.
- Ensuring that your child has their PE kit and swimming kit in school.
- Spellings will be tested on Friday.
- Written and online homework should not be rushed and should always be presented well. The homework will consolidate the work we have done in class or give the opportunity to develop the children's research skills.

Who will be working with your children this term?

Miss Dunn is the class teacher. We are also fortunate to have the expertise of Miss Alom, Mrs Harley and Mrs Kotecha working with us in the role of Teaching Assistants.

If, at any stage, you have questions or require further clarification relating to any aspect of your child's school activities, please do not hesitate to come into school and speak with me in the first instance. I have appreciated your support and assistance so far this academic year and I am confident that you will continue to work with us to ensure that your child has a happy and successful term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miss Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Miss Dunn
Year 3 Teacher