



Year 3: Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. This term our topics are 'When Fire Began' and 'Feel the Force'. We will begin by looking at the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. After half term, we will look at The Celts, including the fierce warrior-queen Boudicca. Throughout the term we will continue to focus on settlements as well as Invasion and Migration.

This term we have a student teacher joining the Year 3 team. John Opara will be teaching Corduroy Class with Mrs Downing during the first half of Spring Term.

We have some exciting trips planned to enhance the children's learning. We will be visiting the Ancient Butser Farm where the children will have the chance to try out a range of activities from the Bronze Age, including chalk carving and wool spinning. After half term, we will be visiting a Buddhist Temple and also going to the Science Museum for a workshop on Forces and Magnets. Please check Schools Buddy for more information. We welcome volunteers so contact the office if you are able to come along with us!

Supporting your child's learning

Children should be reading at home for approximately **20 minutes per night**. Please ensure you record this in their reading records which will be monitored weekly by teaching staff to ensure that children are reading a range of quality texts. Reading books and records must be brought into school **every day**. Children may choose a book from our collection or one from home.

Mathletics topics will be set every week on Friday. Please could the children complete these over the week. These activities relate to our class learning so it offers the children the chance to consolidate their learning. Bronze certificates earned will be given out in class and Silver or Gold certificates are handed out in Assembly. It is also important that the children practise their times tables. By the end of Year 3 they are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

PE & Outdoor Learning

It is important that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week. Our PE lessons are on **Monday** afternoon and **Friday** afternoon.

On Thursdays we will be visiting the garden where we will continue to develop our Science learning. Please bring in wellies in a labelled bag.

Trips

- Thursday 6th February: Butser Ancient Farm

Please be aware that we will be leaving school at 7:30am as it is a long trip to Butser Farm. We may also be back slightly later, we will provide more information closer to the date.

- Thursday 5th March: London Buddhist Centre
- Monday 30th March: Science Museum

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please ensure your child has their hair tied back and that they are not wearing jewellery (beyond simple stud earrings-- if required).
- Please ensure that your child has a jumper and waterproof jacket in school.
- Please contact us with other questions via Class Dojo.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team

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