

Class 3 Curriculum Update

February 2025

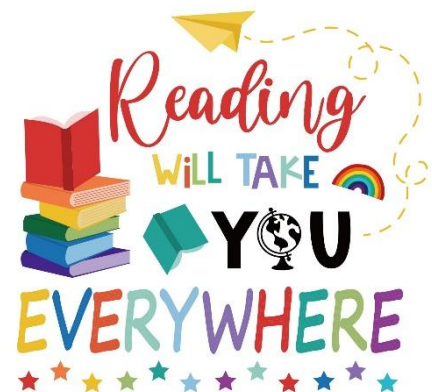
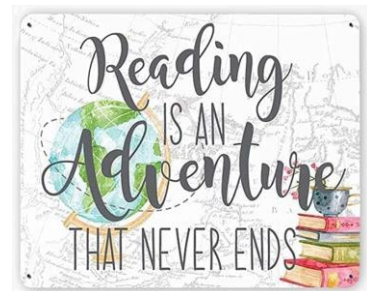
February's Values: Simplicity and fairness



Since the beginning of this term Year 3 have been learning about Ancient Greece, in particular Athens and Sparta. We have been looking at Ancient Greek mythical beasts and gods, the city states that made up Ancient Greece and ordered some key events on a timeline. The children have also learnt about on how the Greeks used to live, including the key aspect of mythology, highlighting the concepts that characterized Ancient Greece, especially Athens and Sparta. The children know the Ancient Greek myths were stories about gods and goddesses and that Zeus was the King of the gods. They have all wrote an excellent information text about Zeus. As well as this the children have looked at the legacy of the ancient Greeks, especially the origin of the Olympic Games, the architecture of the Greek buildings and like us today, Ancient Greeks elected their leaders in a democracy, however only men could vote. At Forest School, the children have been taking part in Olympic style games.

Homework is important for practising, applying and consolidating the learning skills the children develop in school. **Spelling Shed** and **TTRockstars** (times tables practice) are the main homework the children will do in Year 3. It is **expected** that the children go on these every week. Two or three games per day, Monday to Friday, is great as little and often is best.

Reading. The expectation for reading in Year 3 is 10 -15 minutes a day to an adult. The adult that listens to the child read should date and initial. If your child reads a non school book that is fine. It has been great to see the children reaching their 40 reads and beyond. The children work on their comprehension skills weekly and this will continue to happen throughout the year. They also work on their fluency and expression. It is always a pleasure to read the class reader (book) to them as they do enjoy listening to a story.



Dates for your diary and reminders

Forest School sessions are every other Tuesday, although children need old, warm functional clothing every Tuesday. These can include hats and gloves. Children should have their wellies in school at all times.

PE sessions are Monday (squash) and swimming on Thursdays. This will be up until Easter, after which these will change and we will notify you. Children should come into school in their PE kits. If they have long hair, they should have a hairband to tie their hair back and tape to cover their ears if they wear earrings.

Friday 7th February 2025 - Written in the Stars Ancient Greece workshop at Hereford Museum and Learning Resource Centre

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th March - Parents' evenings 4 - 7pm

Encore Enterprise - Music

The children have been learning to play samba instruments since the start of this term with Mrs Goddard. These instruments include surdo and repinique drums, agogo bells, ganza and tambourim. The children have really impressed Mrs Goodard with your rhythm, tempo and timing together. The aim is to put together a performance for the whole school to enjoy by Easter.



PE

In PE, the children have been learning some of the important skills to play squash and have enjoyed their sessions on a Monday this term. It has also been great to see the improvement they have been making during swimming sessions. They have been showing great resilience and determination and their behaviour has been exemplary.



Keep checking out the updated photo gallery on the class page for photos and further information and learning guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office and I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Mr Freeman and the Year 3 team.