



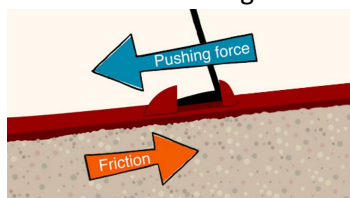
Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing half term. We are officially halfway through Year 3 and we're so proud of what you have achieved so far. There's still plenty to learn though, so let's find out what we will be focusing on this half term.

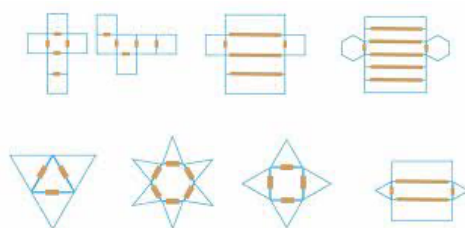
SCIENCE

In Science we will be continuing to investigating Forces and Magnets. We will learn to understand forces as pushes and pulls, and learn that friction is a force which works in the opposite direction to movement. We will also learn how magnetic forces act at a distance and explore which materials are magnetic.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In DT we will continue our work on shell structures and apply our knowledge of joining and folding cardboard to research, design, and create freestanding structures.



HISTORY

In History lessons this term, the children will be learning about the Roman Empire. They will find out about the chronology of Roman times, some key events such as the destruction of Pompeii, how the Romans invaded and spread across Europe – and some of the people that resisted Roman rule.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In RE, the children will learn about the Easter story in the Christian faith to explore the question: What is 'good' about Good Friday? They will find out what happened in the Easter Story and its significance to Christians.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. The children will explore how to keep their bodies healthy and learn important advice for keeping themselves safe and understanding the effects that drugs can have.



ART AND DESIGN

In Art, we will be finishing our project on Ancient Egyptian crafts by decorating our own 'papyrus' scrolls and creating a zine which tells a story in an artistic way. We will then move onto learning techniques for drawing and shading to create botanical-inspired artwork.



Geography

Our Geography lessons this term are focused on landscapes. The children will learn about how rocks and landscapes can be changed by different types of weathering. They will also investigate an area of the UK using their geographical skills, to learn about mountains and rivers.



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Times for the School Day

School begins at **8:30am**. The children walk straight into their classes on arrival. Please ensure you arrive in good time for the children to be in their classroom by 8:30. Between Monday – Thursday school finishes at **3.25pm** and on Friday at **12.35pm**.

If your child has been allocated an Enrichment place, then they will finish at **3:10pm**. We ask that children are collected promptly. After a day of learning, it is quite upsetting for a child to be collected late. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school office and they will pass a message on to the class teacher and your child.

P.E Day

Year 3 will have their P.E every **THURSDAY**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct P.E kit that is suitable for the weather. We also advise that they bring in a bottle of water.

Clothing and Packed Lunch Boxes

Please ensure all clothing and lunch boxes are clearly **labelled** with your child's name and class. This will make returning lost items much easier.

Please consider the weather and ensure your child comes equipped with clothing suitable for wet or cold weather!

Portals to the Past: Roman Centurion

Unfortunately, we are not able to visit the Museum of London as planned this half term as the museum is closed for renovation! However, we have planned an exciting alternative. On the 21st-22nd March – a Roman Centurion is coming to visit Year 3! In an engaging day involving games, quizzes and handling of Roman artefacts, shields and armour, the children will learn more about the Romans in Britain in a way that truly brings history to life.

We would also like to invite the children to dress up in Roman inspired costume to get into the spirit of things. Further details and confirmation of which day your child's class will be taking part will be sent closer to the time.

