



# SUMMER TERM 2017

## YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our newsletter for the summer term.

The last two terms have flown by and all the children have impressed us with how hard they have worked and how much progress they have made so far this year. At the time of writing, we are all very excited about our upcoming residential trip to the Gordon Brown Centre. Make sure you check the website in the next few weeks for photos.

Our main topic for the summer term will be the Roman Empire and its impact on Great Britain. We will be learning about what enabled the Roman Empire to spread so widely and how it changed life in Great Britain at the time. We will investigate how the Roman army organised themselves, the types of weapon they used, clothes they wore, food they ate and the houses they lived in. Our learning will culminate in a Roman Day later in the summer term (date to be confirmed).



In English during the first half of term we will be focusing on aspects of non-fiction writing such as recounts, letters and instructions. After half term we will be reading the book, *My Dad's a Birdman* by David Almond. We will base our writing around this text and study areas such as characterisation, plot development and the choice of words for effect. Children will need to read the book in their own time over the half term break. You might want to get a head start and begin to read this book now!

In Maths, we will be fine tuning our calculation skills with a focus on applying our skills to investigations and problem solving. We will continue to link our maths and computing learning especially when learning about statistics.

In Science we will learn about the life processes of both plants and animals. We will investigate what humans, animals and plants need to grow and stay healthy. In RE we will explore the concept of belonging within Christianity and Islam and study stories with messages. In addition to this we will continue to consider our schools values of Love, Faith and Courage. In DT we will be investigating different types of packaging and making our own packaging for sandwiches. In art we will be studying the work of Georgia O'Keefe. In our PE lessons we will be learning cricket with Mr Maliphant. We will also learn the maypole ready for a performance at the Bentley Village Fete.



### **Important Notes**

PE days for the summer term will be Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them every day and that they have all the kit that they need, including shoes for outside PE that fit.

Library day will continue to be on Fridays.

Children are able to change their home reading book at any time. Please make sure that your child has their reading book and reading diary in school every day. Remember to continue to read with your child at least five times per week.

### **Special Year Three dates and events for the summer term**

The Gordon Brown Centre residential trip 3rd – 5th May

Roman day – date to be confirmed

Bentley Village Fete – Saturday 15th July