



## Autumn 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term – Year 3

### Team Adventure News!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope you had an enjoyable but restful break, and feel ready for the inevitably busy term ahead. The children are now settled into their school routine, and it has been lovely to see such happy smiles coming into school in the mornings. We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Consultation evenings, as it is a great chance to discuss your child's targets and hear your thoughts.

Please ensure that your child's full PE Kit is in school, including their tracksuits as the weather is turning colder. All children should have PE socks in their PE bags and ALL children must bring a coat to school with them every day!

**Island-** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

**Secret Garden** – Monday and Tuesday

### English

- ★ **Writing** – children will have their journalistic hats on exploring newspapers and their features, they will be learning how to form a balanced argument, and might even write a letter to Santa!
- ★ The **SPaG** skills focus will include: direct and indirect speech, subordinating clauses to create complex sentences, and looking at how paragraphs help to order their writing.
- ★ **Reading** - the children will be focusing on comprehension skills and deepening their understanding of a text by bringing their own views and opinions. They will also understand the structure and features of new text types and compare them to texts that they are already familiar with. We expect all children to read at home at least 4 times a week.
- ★ **Spellings** – the children should be in a good routine with their spelling walls by now, and be aware of what spellings they need to learn to continue to colour their wall!

### Maths

- ★ **Multiplication and Division** - Our main focus during this half term will be Number Operations, in particular Multiplication and Division. The children have already looked at addition and subtraction techniques, and can certainly use their times table knowledge to help them as well.
- ★ **Times Table knowledge** – Following on from our PTC conversations it is imperative that all Year 3s continue to learn their times table facts up to their 12s. This is something that has to be regularly practised at home.

### Topic Learning

The children are still enjoying learning about the Romans this term. We have begun the second half of this term exploring the invasion in more detail.

- ★ In **Art**, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of other artists, how to use colour and line effectively, and create Christmas crafts.
- ★ During **DT** the children will have an opportunity to design and make a 3D model of a shield using cardboard, paints and other appropriate materials.
- ★ In **History** and **Geography** children will continue to research both historical and geographical features of the Roman Empire and daily life in Ancient Rome.
- ★ In **Science** we are going to look at The Digestive System and Teeth.

### Team Adventure reminders for this half term...

- ★ This term, we are lucky enough to have a visit from a Roman Soldier to help bring their Roman topic to life!
- ★ We have some special activities planned to support the charity 'Children in Need'.
  - ★ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: grown-ups in Golden Time.
  - ★ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day.
  - ★ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Carols by Candlelight hosted by Team Adventure.
  - ★ Christmas Pantomime: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Please make sure you have paid for this on School Gateway