



***'Being Better Every Day'***

Thursday 13th February 2025

### **Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term, we are looking forward to learning all about Italy and The U.K. The children did fantastically well during our History unit called **'When in Rome'** and we really hope that they enjoy our next unit of work in the same way.

In **Term 4**, our unit title again is; **'When in Rome'**. There is a big focus on **Geography** in this unit.

*In this unit, we will be learning about key aspects of the human geography and physical geography of Italy. We will consider Italy's place in the world and begin to compare it to the United Kingdom.*

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question:

**'Convince me that the human and physical features of Italy make it a fascinating location'.**



We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the topic; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

## Home Learning Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit, we would like your child to:

- Make or build a model of Leaning tower of Pisa
- A travel leaflet for visitors to Italy and what to see.
- Find out about a famous Italian artist and paint/draw a picture in his style.
- Research the type of food that comes from Italy and even make some!



Your child may wish to come up with their own idea for their home learning project. Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.

We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

### Useful Websites:

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/italy-facts.html>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/italy>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5mpdzUIFmw>

[https://kids.kiddle.co/Leaning\\_Tower\\_of\\_Pisa](https://kids.kiddle.co/Leaning_Tower_of_Pisa)

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/425519864783657942/>

Home learning projects should be completed by the **week beginning Monday 31st March**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

### Reading

The children have been really enjoying our 'Destination Reader' work in class. Please continue to do Accelerated Reader at home so you can do the quizzes in school.

### Homework

Please continue to encourage daily reading and home reading records can be brought in and will be signed once a week.

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn, and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 3, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of **15 minutes** every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

Additionally, we would like the children to be practising their times tables every day for at least **15 minutes**. The children all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars**, which they can use to support their learning. The aim is for our Year 3 children to know their 2, 3, 4-, 5-, 8- and 10-times tables really well by the end of the school year. Some children are doing lots of practice on times tables rock stars and it is making a real difference to their speed of recall.

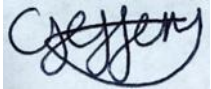
An optional 'menu' of homework activities will also be sent home at the start of the new term. Please send any completed work in to your child's class teacher.

**PE**

This term, our PE lessons will take place on **WEDNESDAY**. Your child should wear their PE kit to school on this day. As our lessons will be outside, please ensure your child has their Oakwood PE kit, trainers and any warmer clothing required for the lessons.

We hope your child will enjoy their new term and we look forward to seeing you after half term.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Jeffery

Year 3 Class Teacher

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