

# Y3 Bulletin: Spring 2024

## Spring Term Topics



Rocks and Soil



Antarctica



Roman Britain

## The Year 3 Team

Miss Mather - Class Teacher

Miss Mia - Learning Support Assistant

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You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

Our School Uniform is important - please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

## School Start Time

8:45am

## School End Time

3:30pm

Swimming: **Tuesday**  
Dance: **Wednesday**  
PE Day: **Thursday**

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Every day is vital - please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

**It is vital** that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will be set homework every **Friday**. It must be completed by the following **Wednesday**.

## Dates for the diary

15th Jan- Martin Luther King Day

25th Jan- Burns Night

29th Jan- 2nd Feb- Aspirations

Week

5th- 9th Feb- Children's Mental Health

Week

6th Feb- Safer Internet Day

12th- 16th Feb- HALF TERM

1st Mar- St. David's Day (Daffodil House wear a yellow accessory)

7th Mar- World Book Day

8th Mar- International Women's Day

10th Mar- Ramadan begins (Islam)

17th Mar- St Patrick's Day (Shamrock House wear a green accessory)

18-19th Mar- Parents Meetings

25th Mar- Holi (Hindu festival)

27th Mar- Year 3 Class Assembly

28th Mar- END OF TERM (2pm finish)

We are always looking for ways to improve our school - please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

In our History topic called, Why did the Romans settle in Britain?, we will be investigating why the Romans invaded Britain and the reaction of the Celts and learning how the Romans changed life in Britain.



In our Geography topic Who Lives in Antarctica, we will be learning about: how latitude and longitude link to climate and the physical and human features of polar regions with links to the explorer, Shackleton.



In Art, we will be learning about:

This term Year 3 will be looking at robot design and technology. They will explore this theme through sketching, collage and paper construction. The topic will link to the children's learning in computing, exploring how we can create art using coding and algorithms.

In our **Science** units, we'll be learning about **Rocks and Soils** Observing the appearance and physical properties of rocks, children compare and group different rock samples. They learn about how fossils and soils are formed and record soil drainage rates in a bar chart.



When learning about **Light and Shadows**...we'll be identifying examples of light sources, children learn that light is needed to see and how its absence causes darkness. Children investigate reflection and shadow formation, including how different factors change the shadows observed. They explore how shadows can be used to entertain in the arts and create shadow puppets to recount how different people work or experiment with light.



In Music we will be learning about:  
Developing singing technique  
(Theme: The Vikings)  
Jazz

## English

In Spring 1, we are reading Flat Stanley where we will be writing a letter and creating setting descriptions. In Spring 2, we are looking at The Papaya who Spoke where we will be focusing on dialogue and explanations.

Our core reading texts are The Iron Man (Spr 1) and Nothing to See Here Hotel (Sor 2) which will be use to help develop our reading skills.



## Maths

- Multiplication
- Division
- Time
- Fractions

In Character Curriculum, we will be learning about:

Dreams and Goals and  
Healthy Me

In PE, we this term be learning about:  
Gymnastics!

We are learning about all the different movement skills, individual development of balances, using a spring board, ways of movement and creating our own mini performances!

Next half term we will be learning about Basketball, the range of skills and matches!

Our RE focus this term is

Islam and Good Friday

In Spanish, we will be learning about:

*My family*

and

Shapes (Early Language)

Name and recognise up to 10 shapes in Spanish.

2. Attempt to spell some of these nouns.

3. Recognise that nouns are commonly associated with an article in Spanish and in this case 'un' or 'una'.

4. Have an opportunity to learn and/or revise numbers 1-5.

In Computing, we will be learning about:

- Sequencing sounds in Scratch
- Data(IT): Branching Database