

## Year 3 Newsletter Spring Term 2012



### English

Our class reading book is "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. Girls will be encouraged to select books from the library for their own personal reading and they will also participate in regular group reading activities. Creative writing will include fiction, non-fiction and poetry. When writing, girls will further develop their vocabulary, spelling skills, handwriting and understanding of punctuation and grammar rules.

### Maths

Numbers into the thousands will be explored and this will include work on addition and subtraction of three digit numbers. We will also look at multiplication (tables and two digit number by a single digit) division, money, symmetry, measures and problems. Please help your daughter with regular practice of tables and mental addition and subtraction.

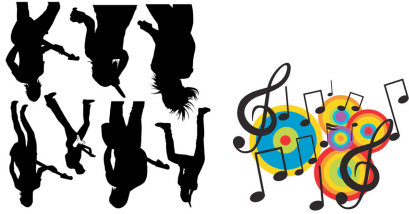


### Science

This half term we will be focusing on rocks and soils. After half term we will concentrate on the properties and uses of a variety of materials.

### ICT

We will continue to develop our word processing and touch typing skills. The girls are learning how to combine text and graphics. ICT will be used to research and support other curricular subjects. They will also use ICT to record sounds using Garage Band software and learn that ICT can be used to select and control sounds.



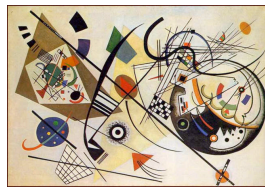
### **Geography**

We will be making a study of the weather and referring to weather bulletins and daily forecasts. Later in the term we will be learning about the weather in Baffin Island and how it affects the people who live there.



### **Art**

In Art we will be undertaking a project based on the work of Picasso, Kandinsky and Klee. We will also be making mosaics and Roman jewellery based on Roman artefacts.



### **DT**

In DT we will be taking part in the RSPB's "Big Bird Watch" and looking at commercially produced bird feeders. This will lead on to us designing our own bird feeders to use to attract birds to the Fairseat garden. In addition to this we will be making bird-nesting boxes.



### **Modern Foreign Languages**

The popular audio course "Bonjour" will continue in French this term. Topics to be covered include: Ton Age, Bonne Anniversaire et les Animaux, so more scope for role play!

In Spanish, the topics will include Animals and Family. Girls will be encouraged to say and write short phrases, develop their pronunciation and be able to carry out short conversations with partners.

### **History**

Romans and Roman life is the basis for our History this term. Y3RR will be visiting the Roman Verulamium on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Y3HM on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

<http://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/Sites/Verulamium-Museum>



### **PE**

Lessons will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays in Y3HM and on Mondays and Tuesdays in Y3RR. Swimming will take place throughout the term on Fridays.



### **General Points:**

Year 3 will continue to have approximately twenty minutes homework each evening, in addition to which they should read widely, learn their spellings and practise their times tables.

**Trip:** If you would like to accompany us to the Roman Verulamium please let us know.

Should you need to see Mrs Reznek, she is available on a Tuesday from 3.00 – 3.30 pm.

Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Morgan are available on Wednesday from 10.00 – 10.30.

Please contact Mrs McInnery to make an appointment.

**Mrs Helene Reznek**

**Ms Christine Rand**

**Mrs Indira Hawkins**

**Mrs Natasha Morgan**