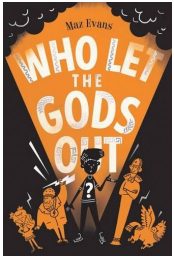


Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and friends. Last term was very busy with performances, mass, the Christmas fayre and the children enjoyed a visit from Claudia, the Roman General's wife.

Welcome to Spring Term in Class 3, I am very excited to welcome you back to another fun-filled and busy term ahead!



Our class novel this term is 'Who Let The Gods Out'. We look forward to sharing this together in class whilst we explore life in Ancient Greece. We will also be looking at the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner.

In **Maths**, we will continue to develop our skills using the four main operations (+ - x ÷) and apply these to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will also develop our skills when working with measurement, fractions and decimals. We will have a big focus on Times Tables, as children in Year 4 will carry out online Times Tables tests later in the year. Please practice these regularly at home, all the way up to 12 x 12 and remember to use Times Tables Rock Stars and PurpleMash online software to support learning in school.

Our topic this term in history is **Ancient Greece**. We will be finding out what life was like and the impact the Greeks had on our life today. In **Geography**, we will be finding out the features of Earth including Hemispheres and the Equator. We will look at the impact a countries position has on climate and make a comparison between the UK and a Polar region.



Our **RE** topic is Community. We will explore some deep questions...



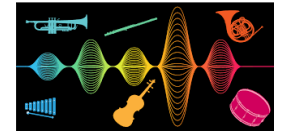
What is a community?

What makes a community?

This is also the Year of the Word so we will be sharing more Bible stories during our weekly story times.

This term in **Science** we will be learning about states of matter and how they change from one state to another. We will then move onto sound where we will recognise how sound travels and find patterns in pitch and volume.

In both topics we will be working scientifically to draw conclusions based on data and observations.



In **Art and Design**, we will be researching Greek pots and using our findings to design our own. We will then sculpt a pot using clay and decorate it. Design Technology will see children design and move a toy using pneumatics.

PE will still take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Year 4 will go swimming every Tuesday morning leaving school at 9am promptly. Please make sure that your child always has their P.E kit in school (both indoor and outdoor) and that they have suitable footwear to wear outside.



I am looking forward to another exciting term of helping your child to learn, grow and develop as young, resilient and inquisitive learner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please either come to talk to me at the end of the day, or make an appointment at the school office. My door is always open!

Many thanks,

Miss Coxon

Support at home

As always, your support is invaluable to help your child to become the best they can be. By continuing to work in partnership together, as we already do so well, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for your child this year.

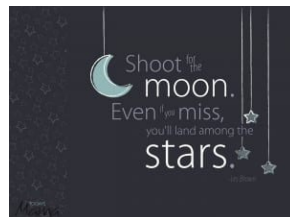
It is important your child practices their times tables to help them with their maths work. Your child has a password to enable him/her to log on to Times Table Rock Stars which is a great resource that can be accessed at home. This will really help your child to improve speed and accuracy linked to tables.



Class Webpage

The children take part in many amazing activities throughout the school day and often the children cannot remember all of it when they get home! Please check our website where you will find lots of lovely pictures and information being added to the class blogs on a weekly basis.

<http://www.st-josephsrc-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/class-3/class-3-blog/>



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