



Ladysmith Junior School

Year 3 Learning Letter

Spring Second Half Term 2019

We hope you have had a lovely break and the children managed to rest ahead of the coming term.

It is really important that children have their **PE kit in school on Mondays and Thursdays for 3NW and 3CH** and **Wednesdays and Thursdays for 3LD**. Many children are forgetting this at the moment. It is vital for health and safety reasons, particularly for gymnastics, that they are wearing appropriate clothes. Thank you.

What we have planned for the Spring Second Half Term

Our topic this term will be:

The Romans - Invasion of Britannia

The Big Question

What was the Roman invasion of Britannia like?

We will be moving on from looking at the Romans as a people and their advances in technology and focusing more on their invasion of Britain, the effect that had on the people living here and what they left behind. We will look in detail at the Roman army and Celtic tribes that stood up to the advancing Romans.

Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:

- Trip to another country (part of our '25 Things to do in Year 3' challenge)
- Celtic Debate
- Roman Shield Making
- Celtic Newspaper

Key learning in reading:

- Read on a daily basis to, and with, an adult
- Consistently use Accelerated Reader bands and carry out comprehension quizzes
- Reading VIPERS comprehension and discussion tasks

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- Identifying word types and grammatical structures in texts
- Check that a text makes sense, discuss understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context

Key learning in writing:

- Use of a range of adverbials
- Use and punctuate speech accurately
- Develop writing in a range of genres and for a range of purpose
- To explore figurative language to develop reader interest
- Accurate sentence capitalisation and demarcation
- Accurate use of commas
- Continued development of joined handwriting

Key learning in Maths:

- Measures
 - Measuring lengths of objects
 - Equivalent Lengths
 - Perimeter
 - Adding and subtracting lengths
- Fractions
 - Finding unit and non-unit fractions
 - Tenths
 - Fractions of numbers

Key learning in other subjects:

- PE – Gymnastics (Apparatus)/Tag Rugby
- Music – Taiko Drumming
- Science – Continuing with Forces
- ICT – Internet safety (e-Safety day this half term)
- Art/DT – Sculpture/Observational Drawings

How you can help your child with their learning:

- Listen to your child read and discuss the text and record this in your child's reading journal at least once per week. Children should be recording their reading daily.
- Encourage and support your children in completing [accelerated reader quizzes](#) to support their developing comprehension.
- Support your child to be able to recall times tables and related division facts quickly
- Encourage neat, joined handwriting using the cursive style. Perhaps during spelling practice, they could write the words into sentences

Throughout the term, if you have any questions or queries, please do come and see us. We look forward to welcoming you in throughout the term.

Many thanks for your support

Mr Williams, Miss Deer and Miss Hartland