



RHODES AVENUE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3

Spring Term 2018  
Curriculum News letter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to another term in Year 3. This term there will be an exciting Greek workshop taking place on Tuesday 16th January. During the next half term we will also be having individual class assemblies.

In **English**, we will be doing cross-curricular work on Myths and Legends, with a focus on Ancient Greece. We will share with the children a range of myths such as *Theseus and the Minotaur*, *The Twelve Tasks of Heracles* and *Odysseus and the Cyclops*. The children will plan and write their own myth, based on a mythical creature they have designed. Later in the term, we will start looking at playscripts and features of successful scriptwriting, with a view to writing our own scripts using a scene from Toy Story 3. Our grammar foci for this term will encourage the children to increase the sophistication of their writing style, through the use of imaginative sentence openers (fronted adverbials of place, manner and time), and accurate use of commas.

In **Maths** we have started the term with a unit on measures, following this we will focus on telling the time. Later on we will be linking the children's developing knowledge of place value to tenths as fractions and decimals. We will come back to fractions later in the Spring term. Children will also be applying their knowledge of the four operations and the number system to 'real-life' problems involving time, money and measurement. Children will continue to learn their times-tables and focus on improving their mental maths skills in school and at home.

In **Science** this half term our topic will be 'Forces and Magnets' and after that our topic shall be 'Food and our body' with a focus on the skeleton and muscles. Feel free to read around these topics at home, and there are many related exhibits in the Science museum that you could visit with your children.

Our topics are:

Spring 1 – Groovy Greeks. This will have a history focus where children will discover who the Ancient Greeks were, how they lived, their beliefs, what we can learn from them and how they influenced modern times.

Spring 2 – Around the World. This topic will have a geography focus. Children will discuss different reasons for why people move between countries, what the climate is like in specific countries and compare similarities and differences between different cultures and ways of life.

In **Computing**, children will be learning how to code using 2code on Purple Mash. They will focus on learning key vocabulary related to programming.

In **PE** our focus this term will be dance, where we will be looking at traditional Greek dancing as well as devising our very own dance to suit the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur. The next Intra-School sports competition will be 'Dodgeball' and children we will be learning the skills suited to this game during PE.

It is essential that children have their PE kits in school everyday. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, warm top and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

3SP – Tuesday and Thursday

3 SW– Mondays and Wednesday

3 ES– Wednesday and Thursday

In **Music** children will be using tuned and untuned percussion instruments to create accompaniments to Greek music. They will be learning songs about the Ancient Greeks.

In **French** children will be learning to talk about their birthdays, where they live and the capital cities and famous landmarks within the United Kingdom.

In **D&T** children will be making Greek pots. They will focus on reinforcing and strengthening their structures. This will also be cross-curricular with Art and they will decorate their pots with time related artwork.

In **Art** we will be taking part in a whole school project called 'Take One Picture' which is built around a painting that is in The National Gallery. The children will study the picture in greater depth and devise their own ideas for how we can explore the painting further.

#### **Homework:**

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday, and due in by the following Monday.

#### **Important Spring term dates for your diaries:**

Ancient Greek Workshop	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (normal school hours)
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
World Book Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
3SP class assembly	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018
Parent's Evening	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
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Science Day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
3SW class assembly	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
3ES class assembly	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018
End of term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that you child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Best wishes for the term,

The Year 3 Team

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