

Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you, like us, have now started to get back into the swing of things! It has been lovely to see how enthusiastic the children have been about seeing their friends again and starting several new topics in class. The Home Learning Grid for this half term, featuring activities around Roman Britain, the pros and cons of pocket money, some pet research and fun 'skittle' fractions will be sent to you in due course, so do look out for that. Wishing you and your children an enjoyable Summer Term.

English

This week in English, we have immersed ourselves in the world of traditional fairy tales. Reading the beginning of Carol Ann Duffy's, *The Lost Happy Endings*, the children have identified *expanded noun phrases*, *adv* and *prepositional phrases*. We have also revisited the *punctuation of speech* and the children have practised transferring characters' conversation into reported speech. To support our work in school, please do read and retell any *traditional* fairy tales (not Disney!) at home.

Maths

In maths, we have been learning how to calculate using column subtraction. We are able to identify *use minuend - subtrahend = difference* in a calculation. We have used *dienes* to help us understand *exchange* across from ten to ones and hundreds to tens. We are able to align the column subtraction carefully and carry over where needed.

Foundation Subjects

The children were fascinated to start our new history topic on the *Romans in Britain*. We began by revisiting the Iron Age and what it was like to live as a Celt at the time of Julius Caesar's unsuccessful invasions. In science, we have launched our learning on *Animals incl. Humans* by recapping that all living things need food to live, grow and stay healthy. Building on Year 2's learning on healthy eating, we have learnt that animals and humans need the right types and amount of nutrition.

Notices & Reminders

Although we have posted this term's spelling list in the Google Classroom, we have also sent home a hard-copy. If your child didn't bring one home, please let us know if you'd like one.

Diamond Work Award

In the week before Easter, we were particularly impressed with the efforts of:

Daniel and Molly (Beech); **Jason and Rei-Green** (Elm); **Annabelle and Artie** (Rowan)