



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back into school and to Year 3. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. We hope the children will settle back into school quickly with their new classes and routines.

Our first topic is 'Romans', which we will link to several areas of the curriculum. Outdoor PE will be handball on **Wednesday** and gymnastics (indoor PE) on **Tuesday**. PE kits will be sent home on a Friday afternoon, for washing. Please ensure ALL clothing and PE kits are clearly labelled. Long hair must be tied back and children with earrings must remove their studs or cover them with tape.

In English, we will be start off reading 'Romans on the Rampage'. We will also be reading retellings of some Roman myths. We then will use these as a stimulus for children's writing. We will be practising and consolidating phonics, punctuation and joined handwriting, building on the their work from year 2. They will also practise editing and improving their own work. We will be encouraging the children to read a wider range of text types and develop their comprehension skills. In maths, we will consolidate and build on the children's knowledge of place value, number bonds up to 20 (such as  $5 + 3 = 8$ ,  $11 + 3 = 14$ ) and doubling and halving up to 100. The children will continue to learn formal written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and then apply these to worded problems.

The systems for spellings will change this year. Most children will begin to work through Stage 3 of Spelling Shed. Children will receive a new spelling list each week and will progress onto the next list the following week, regardless of their scores. Number bonds will continue as they did in Year 2. Children all begin the Accelerated Reader programme. Further information will follow. This year, we are continuing the times tables system, whereby all children will be focussing on the same times tables and tested weekly on a **Wednesday**. They will also need to continue practising previous times tables learned. Plastic wallets will be provided for weekly spellings, number bonds (for some children) and times tables, with the wallet being returned by Thursday at the latest.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year 3 Team