



# Highwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

We hope you have had a lovely Spring holiday and are well rested ready for the Summer Term. This term will bring good weather (hopefully), lots of outdoor learning, Sports Day and exciting units of work.

Our Topic unit this term is all about 'The Romans'; a topic the children have been eager to begin learning about all year! Within this topic we will be looking at the history of the Roman invasion of England and Europe and comparing the lifestyles of the Celts and Romans. We will also learn about famous people in history such as Julius Caesar and Boudicca and of course, the part the children are most excited about; the Gladiators! Our art work this term will also centre on Roman styles – including work on mosaics. We are also very much looking forward to our school trip to The Verulamium Museum, as this will give a great insight to Roman life. The trip will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – more details will follow.

In literacy, we will be continuing to develop poetry writing at the start of each half term, beginning with work on rhyme. We will also be looking at explanation texts and later in the term we plan to focus on play scripts, and myths and legends to link in with our Roman theme. The mathematics this term will continue to develop the children's fluency with the four operations and times tables, as well as consolidating the children's work on fractions. We will also be covering time, shape and data handling later in the term. Work at home supporting the children in telling the time is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference in lessons! This half term the children will develop their scientific skills by exploring the topics 'Light and Shadow' and 'Magnets and Springs'. Both topics will involve investigative work, which the children always learn a lot from and enjoy.

As always, the new home learning grid provides the children with a choice of activities, consisting of 8 activities linked to work we are covering in class as well as making links to previous learning. As well as this there is a free choice option, where the children can complete an activity of their own choosing linked to something they have enjoyed in class. Children can choose to complete this activity up to three times a half term, as long as some form of evidence is in their book for us to see what they have been doing. Alongside this we expect the children to read with an adult at least 3 times a week, which needs to be recorded in their reading records. Spellings will also be sent out weekly on a Friday and will then be tested the following Friday in class in the form of dictated sentences. Times tables will also be informally tested through a series of challenges so it is important the children are reminded to practise these regularly at home, both in and out of order - by the end of year 3 they are expected to know their 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s out of order fluently.

This half term the children will be continuing to have 1 PE session a week at Woodside – this term we will be developing gymnastic skills. Once a week the children will also be having session of PE with Mr Willimott at school on the playground or field. In the second half term we aim to be outside on the school field for most PE lessons, practising athletic skills and getting ready for sports day. Please ensure that children have appropriate PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE at all times as the provision is weather dependent and may change. Children need shorts for indoor PE, tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE and trainers.





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Please also remember that children can bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat at break time. The children should also have a water bottle in school every day, particularly now the weather is getting warmer! Please also send your child in with a cap to wear at break and lunch times – no football logos please.

### **Dates to remember:**

Maple 3 Sharing assembly – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Cedar 3 Sharing assembly – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Trip: The Verulamium Museum – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

We look forward to a successful final term in Year 3.

The Year 3 team

Mrs Heather Woollett ◦ Miss Sarah Allen ◦ Mrs Suman Jolly ◦ Mrs Nicole Marshall

