

# NORTHSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 3 HALF-TERMLY LETTER

Autumn 2017, 2nd Half

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a happy and relaxing break and ready for the new half term. Here are the details of the topics we will be learning about in year 3 this half term. Our cross curricular topic will be:

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## Soldiers



We will be learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain.

**Literacy:** We will study 'The Tinderbox', a traditional fairy-tale written by Hans Christian Andersen as well as looking at other traditional tales to identify their features. Using these tales as our guide, we will learn how to plan and edit our own tales. Towards the end of the term we will look at the legend of Boudicca of the Iceni tribe. We will be comparing a range of quest myths; identifying the text structure and language features. We will also use oral storytelling to plan a quest myth, which the children will share with the class.

**Numeracy:** This half term we will be using the formal written method for addition and subtraction. We will also recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 & 8 multiplication tables. We will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers. In addition the children will continue to solve problems; including missing number problems.

**Science:** In this unit the children will learn about light and its properties. They will identify light sources, and find out how shadows are formed. Towards the end of the term they will look at the relationship between the size of an object's shadow and its distance from the light source.

**Homework** is given out on Fridays and must be handed in the following Wednesday. Spelling books need to be in by Tuesday for their weekly spelling test. The children should be reading at home at least three times a week. Please remember to leave a comment in their records each time your child reads.

As advised by the government, schools are required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- The Rule of Law
- Democracy
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

This term we will be looking at Mutual Respect.

### What you can do to help:

- Visit <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/romans.html> to help with your child's homework.
- Encourage your children to do their homework and hand it on Wednesday (or earlier).
- Ensure PE kits are in school at all times-black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.
- Read with your child or encourage them to read every evening and help them develop a love of books. Please use the 'Comprehension Dice' to discuss the text.

As always, if you would like to know more about what we are doing or you have any questions about your child's work, please make an appointment to see me after school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Michaela Millwood