



### Term 3

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workshop with Miss  
Nash

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## Warwick Class Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3! The class as a whole is making superb progress this year, and this was very clearly evidenced in their recent performance in the cross-Trust Key Stage 2 grammar assessment in which they outperformed all other classes in the Trust except for Years 5 and 6 at Pimlico Primary.

### English

This term, the class will be reading Leon Garfield's adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Sometimes dubbed 'the Scottish play' (for fear of bringing a curse on the speaker), *Macbeth* is arguably Shakespeare's darkest and spookiest work. It is the tale of an ambitious Scottish general, his wife and their thirst for power. *Macbeth* is a story of witches, magic, treachery and murder that is guaranteed to enthrall and captivate children. We shall also be consolidating our understanding of poetic devices, such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, personification and similes, and practising using these in our creative writing.

Activities at home: grammar homework **every evening** and **every weekend**, spellings to learn **every weekend** for a weekly spelling test

### Maths

This term, the children will start by revising multiplication, to ensure that they can recall multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . The children will then move onto the fractions unit for the rest of the half term. They will learn how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions (and convert between the both), recognise and show families of common equivalent fractions, and solve problems involving fractions to calculate and divide quantities (including non-unit fractions).

Key vocabulary: multiply, divide, multiple, factor, groups of, numerator, denominator, fraction, equal parts, unit fraction, equivalent fractions, improper fraction, mixed fraction, vinculum

Activities at home: discussing key words, discussing how these concepts relate to real life and showing examples such as multiplying and dividing quantities in cooking, reading and interpreting basic graphs. **Please keep practising times tables daily!**



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## **Ancient History**

This year, the class will be studying the civilisation of ancient Greece, which flourished for almost 2,000 years, from c.2,000 BC to 146 BC, when the civilisation was conquered by the Romans. We shall be learning about some of the Greeks' most important and enduring inventions, such as democracy, drama and philosophy. We shall also be learning about the extensive pantheon of Greek deities and some of the most popular Greek myths, including the stories of the Trojan War and Odysseus. We shall conclude the year with a detailed study of Alexander the Great, one of the most successful generals from antiquity, who conquered most of the known world by the age of 32.

Key vocabulary: civilisation, antiquity, democracy, drama, philosophy, deity, pantheon, mythology, myth

Activities at home: reading as much as possible, discussing History with an adult

## **British History**

This term, Year Four are continuing their chronological study of British History by learning about The Peasants' Revolt of 1381 and its causes. The topic will centre on how the feudal system, Black Death, Statute of Labourers and the Poll Tax contributed to the revolt, and what happened in Essex, Kent and London during the revolt. This topic will allow students to develop their understanding of different societal structures and apply this understanding to creative and essay writing.

Key words and concepts: revolt, feudal system, Black Death, landlord, peasant, Statute of Labourers, Poll Tax, vassal

Key people: John Ball, Wat Tyler, Richard III

Activities at home: discussing the historical narrative with an adult, learning and practising the spelling of key vocab, and reading as much as possible on the subject



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##### Swimming lessons

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##### Homework

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##### Learn Its

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### Latin

This year, the class will be consolidating their understanding of the five noun cases. We use the nominative case when the noun is the subject of the sentence, and the accusative case when the noun is the object of the sentence. We use the genitive case to show possession, the dative case when the noun is the indirect object of the sentence ('to' or 'for'), and the ablative case with the prepositions 'by', 'with' or 'from'. Any testing by adults at home will greatly benefit children, as a new language needs to be repeated little and often.

Activities at home: vocab and grammar (especially the verb person endings: -o, -s, -t, -mus, -tis, -nt) testing by an adult at home

### Geography

This term, the class will be studying various topics with a UK focus: climate, mountains and rivers. Throughout the term, the class will be consolidating their understanding supported via a range of map-working tasks. The class will also be learning to use a range of new geographical vocabulary. Any testing of keywords/concepts and current examples of UK affairs by adults at home will greatly benefit the children.

Key vocabulary: latitude, degrees, Greenwich Meridian, coordinates, altitude, climate, temperate, weathering, mountain, glacier, erosion, crust

### Science

This term, the class will be studying the biology topics: digestion and states of matter. Throughout the term, the class will be using a range of explorative techniques aided by scientific experiments to understand what is inside the human body. The class will also be learning to use a range of new scientific vocabulary. Any testing of key words/concepts and examples of liquids, solids or gases by adults at home will greatly benefit the children.

Key vocabulary: organs, digestive system, saliva, gullet, stomach, nutrients, oesophagus, solid, liquid, gas, states of matter, volume, size, properties



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### Art

This term in Art, the children in Year Four will be studying a selection of Tudor Paintings, including the portrait of King Henry VIII by Hans Holbein the Younger, c. 1536, and the Armada portrait of Queen Elizabeth I, c. 1588. The children will reproduce a Tudor portrait using the grid method. They will learn about how artists used the Grid method to accurately copy, enlarge and reduce images.

Key vocabulary: texture, Tudor, commission, monarch, reproduce, enlarge, surface

### Music

This year, the children will be having their music lessons at Pimlico Academy. The children will be learning to sing this term, and are working towards a concert, with some of the Academy choirs, before Christmas. One student from each class will receive a 'Music Star of the Week' certificate to take home.