



# Shepherd Primary School



## Year 3 Vendeen Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2020

### Adults working with your child



**Class teacher:** Miss Douglas

**TA:** Mrs Stevens

### Important Dates this Term

13/01/20 Clubs Start  
 21/01/20 SEN Open Morning 8:30-9:30  
 29/01/20 PTA second hand school uniform sale  
 05/02/20 Parents Coffee Morning 9:00  
 10/02/20 Feeling Good Week  
 11/02/20 Safer Internet Day  
 17/02/20 Half Term  
 25/02/20 Parents Evening  
 26/02/20 Parents Evening  
 02/03/20 Reading Week  
 05/03/20 World Book Day  
 16/03/20 Science week  
 31/03/20 Year 3 and 4 Easter Play 9:30  
 03/04/20 End of Spring Term 1:30 finish

### English

**Writing:** Composition (*effect on audience/ sentence structure and punctuation/ text organisation*) and Transcription (*Handwriting and spelling*) will be taught based on a variety of text.

**Narratives/ Discussion/ Explanation and Poetry.**

**Grammar & spelling:** Year 3/4 Common exception words and weekly spelling rules will be taught.

**Specific Y3 grammar and punctuation:** preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, inverted commas.

**Handwriting:** Children will continue to develop a continuous cursive style of handwriting with lead in strokes.

**Reading Skills:** Children will hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality texts to develop a love of reading, support the development of early comprehension and broaden their vocabulary. Books selected from a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks: modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions (including pre-twentieth century titles) and titles by classical children's authors.

### Mathematics

**Fluency Focus:** Numbers with up to at least 3 digits (whole numbers and decimals with up to 1 dp)

Geometry- identifying and drawing a range of regular and irregular 2D shapes.

Perimeter- Including problem solving using written and mental methods  
 Multiplication and Division- distributive and associative laws, worded problems, formal written methods

Statistics – Pictograms and scaled bar charts

Fractions- Ordering and comparing, adding and subtracting with the same denominators, problem solving

**Pupils are expected to be fluent in times tables 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8**

### Routines & Homework:

- **Weekly spellings:** these are handed out on a Thursday and will be tested the following Tuesday in dictation.
- **Weekly times tables practice** (cards) Children will be tested every couple of weeks to ensure progress is being made
- **Spag.com** – set Thursday to be completed online by Tuesday
- **My Maths** – set Thursday to be completed online by Tuesday
- One piece of maths, writing or topic work may be set when relevant.

**PE: Monday Games Lesson: Tuesday**

### Curriculum Information –Roaming Romans

**Topic:** History: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, including Julius Caesar, the invasion by Claudius and the British resistance.

**Science:** Forces and Magnets- looking at magnetic and non-magnetic objects and how things move  
 Rocks and soils

**Computing:** e-safety: Bringing images to life using a range of editing programmes to explore image resizing to decide the best size for screen projection

**Spanish:** Questions, Numbers, Time, Food, Drink,

**PE:** Cognitive and Creative, Football and Athletics

**RE:** Easter (Beliefs and Practices)

**Art:** Mosaics – To use a range of textures and materials to create a collage

**Design & Technology:** Plan, design, make & evaluate Roman magnetic board games and choose suitable materials to do so

**PSHCE:** 'Dreams and Goals' 'Healthy Me'

**Music:** Rock & Pop Foundation: improvise & compose/ play and perform/ Musical appreciation.

If you have any particular expertise or interest in any of our curriculum topics for this term, and would like to share this with the class, please contact the class teacher.

Further information can be found on the curriculum and class web pages <http://www.shepherd.herts.sch.uk/class-pages/year-3.html>