

A green banner for St. Patrick's Class. On the left is an illustration of St. Patrick in a green and white robe, holding a red crozier. The background is green with floating books and papers. The text 'St. Patrick's Class' is written in large white letters. Below it is the quote 'I am certain in my heart that all that I am, I have received from God.'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all as we begin a brand-new term. I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable break, and that the children have returned feeling refreshed. They have certainly come back with a fantastic attitude. In just these first few days, both Miss Blick and I have been genuinely impressed by their enthusiasm and their resilience in settling back into routines, and the confidence they are already showing in their learning. Their handwriting, in particular has blown us away, and it's wonderful to see them taking such pride in their work.

We have an exciting and busy term ahead, with much of our learning centred around our new topic: **The Romans**. Year 3 have already shared how eager they are to begin, and their sense of aspiration is clear to see. Alongside exploring Roman life and the Roman invasion in History, we will be weaving this theme into other areas of the curriculum. In Outdoor Learning, the children will take part in activities inspired by Roman engineering and daily life, working together and showing empathy as they collaborate. In Maths, we will begin studying Roman Numerals, and our classroom is already filled with non-fiction books to spark curiosity and deepen understanding.

Many of you will already know that we have our exciting trip to **Chedworth Roman Villa** planned for the start of next term. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience Roman history in a hands-on, memorable way. Please ensure permission slips and payments are returned by the date specified so that everything can run smoothly. We're very much looking forward to the term ahead and to seeing the children continue to grow, learn, and amaze us with their hard work, empathy, and resilience.

As discussed at parent's evening, learning times tables is a valuable life skill for the children. In Year 2, your child will have been taught the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In Year 3, we have recapped these and also covered the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. It is so important that your child knows these off by heart, any practice at home would be greatly appreciated.

Things to remember:

- Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week, consistently reading these with your children really does help enable them to **be the best they can be**.
- Practise those times tables daily to support your child to become fluent (in the car is a great place to practise!)
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.
- Homework – this will continue to be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.
- Please supply your child with everything they will need for the variable weather. We will be spending lots of time outside, especially in Outdoor Learning, so please make sure they have wellies and raincoats.
- As your child is no longer in KS1, they are no longer entitled to a fruit snack at break provided by the school. If your child would like a snack, please provide them with one. Fruits and vegetables only please.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can find me on the playground or email via email FAO Miss Drury via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Kind regards,
Miss Emily Drury