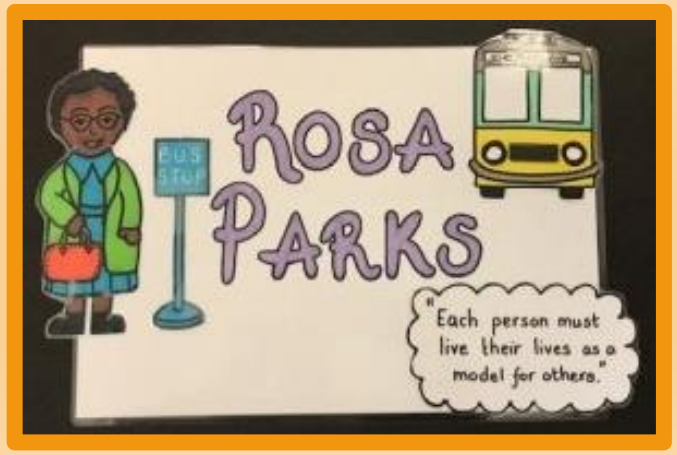
WELCOME
TO
YEAR 3

Our Year 3 Teachers

Riley Class

Teacher: Mrs Williams
LSA: Mrs Burchett



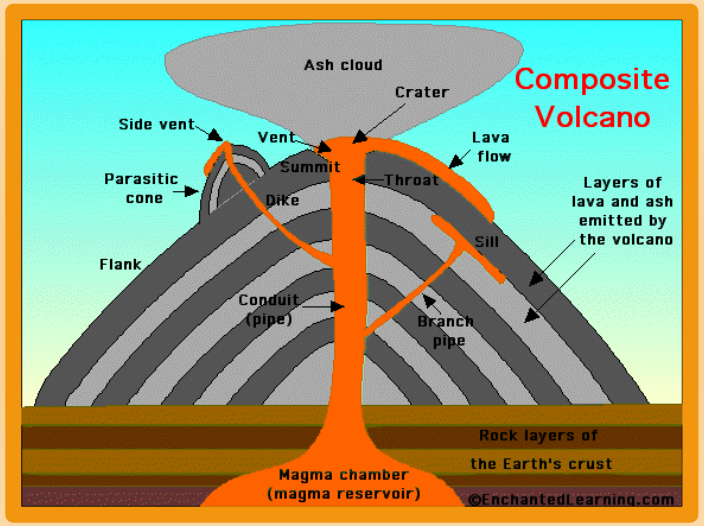
Rosa Parks Class

Teacher: Miss McGuinness
LSA: Miss Camp

Our Topics

Autumn term:

During the autumn term we will be focussing on Geography and volcanoes. We will be learning about Italy and Pompeii and how volcanoes erupt.

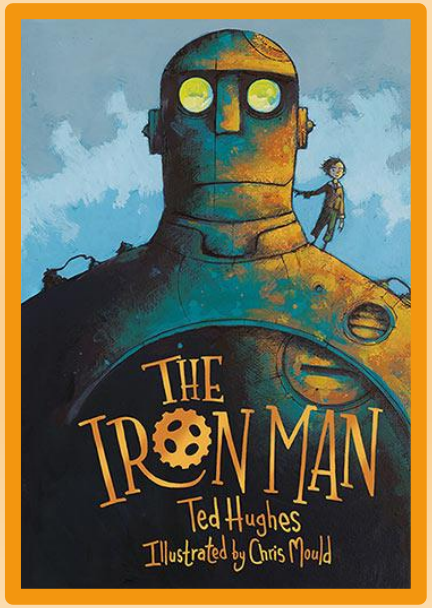


Spring term:

During the spring term we will be focussing on History and will be studying the Vikings.

Summer term:

During the summer term we will be focussing on the arts and enjoying different mediums of art, drama and music. We will also be enjoying some of the works of The Iron Man.



PE

Our main PE day is Wednesday – you should come into school in your PE kit on this day.

Our PE focus for the first half term will be orienteering. This will build navigation skills and teamwork in a fun and interesting way.

We are also having an additional ten minute daily dose of exercise each day – such as running, games or other physical activities.

We very much hope that the children will be able to attend swimming lessons at Harlow Leisure Zone during the summer term.

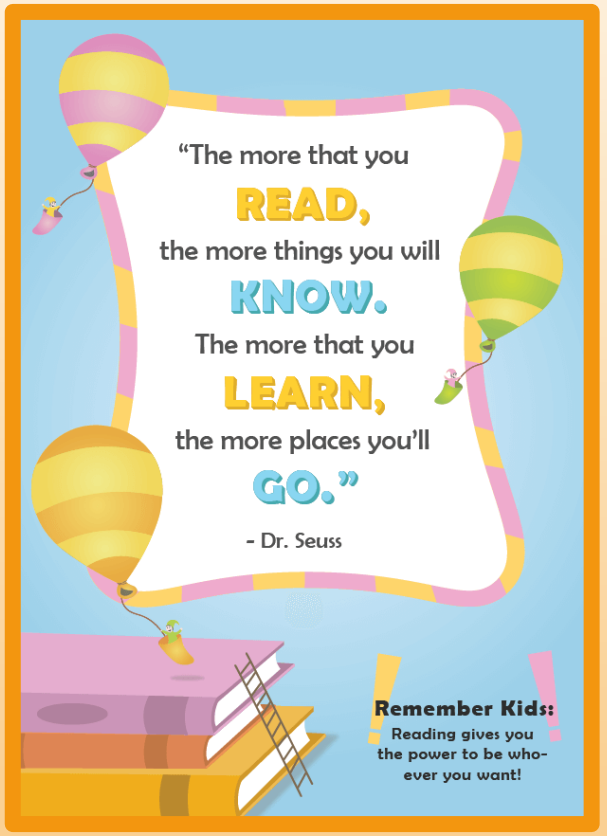
Reading

Any time you can spend reading with your child is really valuable! Please try to read at home with your child for 5-10 minutes each day, whenever possible.

When your child is ready to change their book, they should bring it into school on a Friday, and place it in the box provided in the classrooms.

Children will be able to choose a new book to take home on a Monday.

Book bags should not be in brought into the classrooms.



Times Tables

Daily times tables practice at home will also be very valuable for your child.

Next year in year 4, the children will be taking part in the statutory government Multiplication Tables Check. This will include times table facts up to 12 X 12. Therefore, we need to be doing lots of practise this year to be ready!

All children should have a Times Tables Rockstars login from their previous class, and this should still be valid. Please let us know if you have any problems logging in. Battles between different groupings will be set up soon!

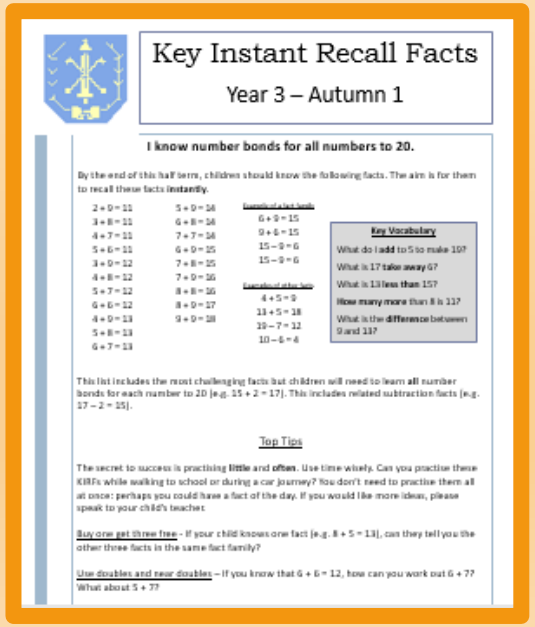
As the year progresses, additional resources to target specific gaps in times tables knowledge will be sent home for individual children.

Spelling

When we are settled into the year, weekly spelling will be sent home as paper copies each Monday. They are to be used for practice at home and should not be brought back into school again.

KIRFS

These are Key Instant Recall Facts that should be known, and practiced at home. They will also be sent home as a paper copy each half term.



Key Instant Recall Facts

Year 3 – Autumn 1

I know number bonds for all numbers to 20.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

2 + 9 = 11
3 + 8 = 11
4 + 7 = 11
5 + 6 = 11
3 + 9 = 12
4 + 8 = 12
5 + 7 = 12
6 + 6 = 12
4 + 9 = 13
5 + 8 = 13
6 + 7 = 13
5 + 9 = 14
6 + 8 = 14
7 + 7 = 14
6 + 9 = 15
7 + 8 = 15
7 + 9 = 16
8 + 8 = 16
8 + 9 = 17
9 + 9 = 18

Examples of a fact family
6 + 9 = 15
9 + 6 = 15
15 – 9 = 6
15 – 9 = 6

Examples of other facts
4 + 5 = 9
13 + 5 = 18
19 – 7 = 12
10 – 6 = 4

Key Vocabulary

What do I **add** to 5 to make 19?
What is 17 **take away** 6?
What is 13 **less than** 15?
How many more than 8 is 11?
What is the **difference** between 9 and 13?

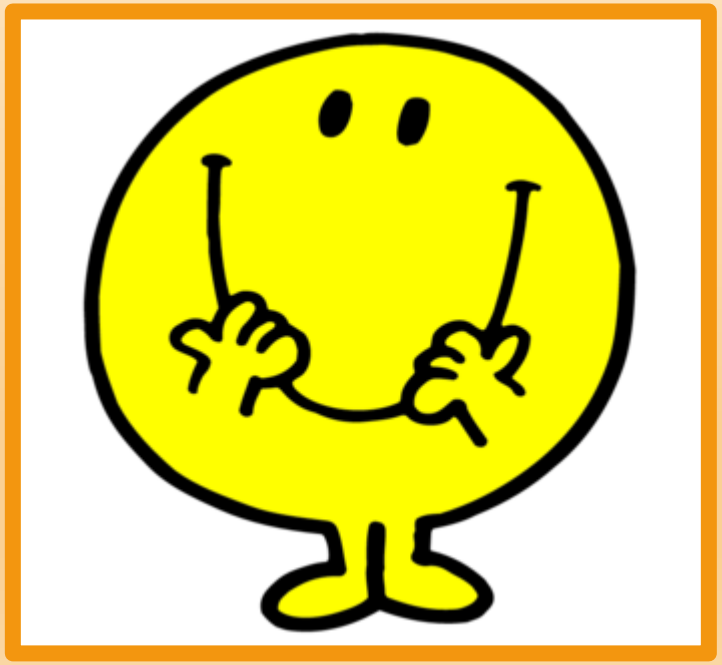
This list includes the most challenging facts but children will need to learn **all** number bonds for each number to 20 [e.g. 15 + 2 = 17]. This includes related subtraction facts [e.g. 17 – 2 = 15].

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Buy one get three free - If your child knows one fact [e.g. 8 + 5 = 13], can they tell you the other three facts in the same fact family?

Use doubles and near doubles – If you know that 6 + 6 = 12, how can you work out 6 + 7? What about 5 + 7?

It has been lovely to welcome you back into school and we are enjoying getting to know you. Please get in touch if we can help or support in any way.

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