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Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering next half-term.

Year 3 Summer 1	Key Question: 'Why were the Romans so powerful?' Great Work: Roman Day
English	Children will be studying Greek Myths, using the 'Orchard Book Of Greek Myths' by Geraldine McCaughrean. We will be looking at the main events that occur in Greek myths and their typical features. Children will also be using 'Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine to discuss the features and uses of diaries, as well as recounts to write a diary.
Maths	In Maths this half term we will start with learning about time and link it to our Roman Topic by learning Roman Numerals. Next, we will move on to Geometry and Shape. We will learn about 3D shapes, and different types of angles. We will apply this learning to a range of different contexts.
Science	'How does your garden grow?' We will be studying plants: the functions of different parts of flowering plants; the requirements for growth; how water is transported; the variety of plants, lifecycles and pollination.
Topic	'Why were the Romans so powerful? What can we learn from them?' Pupils will explore the Roman army, their invasion of Britain and the impact of their technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.
RE	'What is the Bible's big story and what does it reveal about having faith in God?' We will be considering why The Bible is sometimes referred to as a map for Christian life. We will also be thinking about what The Bible teaches about faith and what faith means to us. We will also reflect on how Christians demonstrate faith today in spreading the 'Good News'.
DT/Topic	'How were Roman shields designed?' DT will run alongside Topic where pupils will research, plan, design and make Roman shields.
PE	Swimming for Maples. Sycamores and Poplars will be completing indoor and outdoor P.E with altered dates below. P.E days Poplars: Tuesday and Wednesday (Games and Dance) Maples: Tuesday (swimming) & Friday Sycamores: Monday & Tuesday
COMPUTING	'Have you got mail?' We are Communicators –we will be learning all about how to compose and send emails.
French	We will be continuing our focus to develop vocabulary and simple phrases. This term these will be based around; family members, household items and basic prepositions such as <i>dans</i> and <i>sur</i> .
Music	Our topic will be based around the theme, "Let Your Spirit Fly", an R&B song for children.
PSHCE	This term our focus will be <i>Healthy Lifestyles</i> .
Trips and Dates	Roman Day – TBC
Special request	<i>In celebration of our Roman topic, on the first day of school we ask that the children bring in large cardboard boxes to create Roman shields.</i>

Thank you for your support with our home-learning. Spellings will continue to be issued on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Homework will be handed out on Fridays and should be handed in by the next Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,
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