



# Akrotiri School

Y3 Mrs Kemble  
Picasso Class



Spring Term 1 - Information Guide  
1st Half Term 2017

## Our learning this term

Our topic is 'Heroes and Villains'

**English** – Our focus this half term will be on Biography, Poetry and Comic Strips.

**Maths** – We will continue the year by initially focusing on multiplication and division, securing facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and learning how to multiply a 2 digit number by a one digit number. We will then learn how to tell the time in 5 minute intervals, 1 minute intervals and explore units of time.

**Science** - In Science we will find out 'How do gardens grow?' We will explore what plants needs to grow, naming the different parts of a plant and exploring pollination and seed dispersal.

**Other subjects** – Our art, design and technology work will focus on creating '101 Dalmatians' linked to our class text in English. We will make Dalmatian puppets, drawings, paintings and models! In Music we will learn all about rhythm and rhyme and use this knowledge to create some raps about Super Heroes and Villains.

### VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

Our work this half term will culminate in a performance of our 'Raps' which we write in music and a gallery of our 101 Dalmatians in a variety of forms, as well as other Heroes and Villains! We will invite you in to class to come and listen to and look at the work we complete this half term.

**HOMEWORK:** A new homework sheet has been attached to the inside front cover of homework books with varying levels of challenge. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on Wednesday on a weekly basis.

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 3 times a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE:** Every Tuesday and Thursday

**Library:** Every Tuesday

Advance notice for next half term-Swimming will recommence after February Half term (more information nearer the time.)

### READING

**Spring 1** – It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through individual work, guided reading sessions and whole class reading lessons. Mrs Stevens will continue to support some children in intervention groups. Our focus text this half term, in line with our Heroes and Villains topic, will be 101 Dalmatians. Please encourage your child to read at home.

**SPELLING:** A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested the following Monday. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.) Sometimes these spellings will be key words and other weeks a spelling pattern focus.

### MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In Maths our focus in mental maths will be securing all multiplication and related division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please help your child learn these facts at home until they know them fluently. Information on Rock tables to follows soon.