



# Akrotiri School

Year 3

Spain (Mrs Cooper), France (Miss Turner)  
and Greece (Mrs Kemble)

Spring Term 1st half 2021 - Information Guide



## Our learning this term...

**Writing:** This half term, we will be writing recounts, letters, poetry and narrative stories with speech. This will include using a rich vocabulary and a range of sentence structures to create setting, characters and plots for stories, as well as proof-reading for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors

**Maths:** We will be Consolidating 2,3,4,5 and 8 times tables, multiplying and dividing 2 digits by 1 digit, dividing hundred into equal parts, dividing with remainders, scaling, counting and converting pounds and pence, adding and subtracting money, making tally charts and drawing pictograms.

We will link our **history** to our Geography topics and we will be looking at the events of Ad 79 in Pompeii. Then we will look at everyday life in Cyprus during Roman times.

In **geography**, we will be learning to describe the properties of the Earth's layers, explaining how a volcano is formed and what happens when it erupts. We will discuss the risks and benefits of living near a volcano and how to keep safe when earthquakes occur.

In **science**, we are going to compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties; describe how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

In **music**, we will use an online programme, Charanga, to keep a steady beat on an instrument in a group or individually, and maintain a rhythmic or melodic ostinato simultaneously with a different ostinato and/or steady beat.

Our **French** learning will see us read and say simple words and phrases relating to introducing ourselves (eg name, age, numbers to 10, brothers and sisters) and count to 20.

This term's **PSHE** focus is on 'Aspiration' and 'Resilience'. We will learn how to set achievable goals for ourselves and how these provide a focus, excite and motivate us. We will explore and identify skills on how to 'bounce back' and discuss strategies on how to deal with negative results and stress.

Finally, in **RE**, we will be thinking about words of wisdom, 'What wise sayings do we know?', 'Where do we get our wise words from?', 'Where can we get spiritual words of comfort and wisdom?'

## Visits and enrichment

We will be enhancing our learning using Forest School, linking our learning where possible to other areas of the curriculum.

We are currently unable to offer external trips due to Covid restrictions.

## Home learning

Homework will go out every Friday and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday. Reading, spelling and math work will be set every week alongside a science, history, geography or art task.

## Reading

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work to improve their reading skills through individual, shared and guided reading sessions. The children take a quiz each time they complete a book to assess their level of comprehension.

## 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 and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

## Additional information

Mosquito repellent should be applied before school. Due to the inclement weather, please ensure children have a coat.

**Please ensure all clothing is named and labelled.**

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE:** Jamaica and The Netherlands have PE Wednesdays (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). Japan has PE Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor).

**Library Day:** We will let you know about our library days. Please ensure that library books are in school on this day to change them.

**SeeSaw:** please continue to look at the learning communicated to you. SeeSaw will continue to be our main communication tool.

**Forest School:** this is Thursday for all children in Year 3.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, either via email or through the Seesaw parent app.

We are looking forward to a great term together!

Mr Ball, Mrs McKenna and Mrs Goddard