



# Spring 2

## Year 3

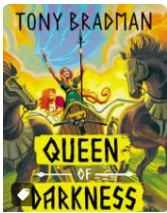
### April 2026



Welcome to Year 3, Pegasus class!

We hope you all had a good half term and are ready for the new term. We are looking forward to all the new learning we will do this term.

## Adventure



**Our focus book.** This half term, we are reading 'The Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman. *Queen of Darkness* is an exciting historical adventure set in Roman Britain.

The story follows Rhianna and her sister Eleri, who are taken in by the powerful queen Boudica after losing their family. At first, the queen seems kind and strong, but as tensions grow with the Romans, a darker side of her begins to appear. As war approaches, Rhianna finds herself caught in the middle of a fierce rebellion. She must decide what is right as she witnesses the bravery—and the dangers—of battle. This gripping story helps children imagine what life was like in the past and brings history to life through the eyes of a young girl.

We are looking forward to sharing this heart-warming adventure with the children!

In English, we will be writing a character description of Queen Boudica which will include adjectives, similes and expanded noun phrases as well as conjunctions.

In Maths, our main focus will be on telling the time. Using O' clock, quarter to, quarter past and half past the hour. We will also be using minutes past and to. Using numbers and Roman numerals.

Our Science will focus on light and understanding that darkness is the absence of light. Your child will learn that light travels in a straight line and how shadows are formed. The children will learn key vocabulary linked to this topic including opaque, translucent and transparent

## REMINDERS

**PE** will be every  
**Tuesday**

Please remember to bring everything for outdoor activities.

Shorts/tracksuit/leggings/t-shirt/fleece/**trainers**

### Reading

Please continue to read at home as this is so important and helps children develop skills and a love of books. Record reading daily on the **Rainbow Reading** cards.

Please bring reading books to school every day.

Look at **MyMaths** for weekly challenges which link to our work in class and revise things done before.

**Other key information and key dates for your diary:**

materials.

In RE we will be thinking about the religion of Islam and how important the Prophet Muhammed is to Muslims.

In Computing sessions, we are going to be creating media and publishing it.

### What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read.
- 2) Encourage them to use My Maths
- 3) Help your child continue to learn their times tables. Using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- 4) Log into Spelling Shed and practice the weekly spellings.
  - ❖ Don't forget the Oxford Owl website has some great online reading activities and books to share.
  - ❖ Spelling lists are on Spelling Shed. Please help your child practice these as it really helps them become more confident with their reading and writing.

Thank you. Mr Yates

#### Contacting the year 3 team

We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat. Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953

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