



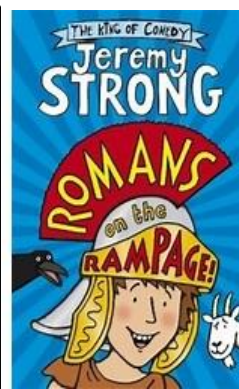
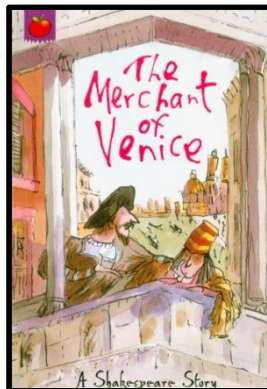
## Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3 – Spring 1

### Blackthorn Primary School

#### Reading and English

Our topic this term is Shakespeare, we will focus on the text, 'The Merchant of Venice'. This will allow the pupils to immerse themselves into the world of the play, explore and understand the language and vocabulary that may seem unfamiliar and invest in the wonderful, iconic characters created by William Shakespeare. Pupils will explore the text through role play and other drama strategies to unpick the story and explore the themes of the text. We will also begin exploring our topic of Romans by building a fact file.

In SPAG, we will focus on words with the *sh* sound spelt with *ch*, adding the suffix *-ion* and *-ian*. We will also revisit prepositions, conjunctions and how to punctuate direct speech.



#### Maths

In Maths, Year 3 will focus on solidifying their knowledge on multiplication and division. We will start by multiplying 2 digit numbers by a one digit number and then progress onto short division using both chunking and the bus stop method.

Towards the end of term, we will use our mathematical skills to measure and compare different lengths and masses.

In addition, we will constantly review our 2,5 and 10 times tables as well as consolidating our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

#### Wider Curriculum

**History:** Year 3 will learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. They will develop an understanding of why the Romans invaded Britain and the impact this had on the people and country. Pupils will be able to name key historical figures from this time period and explain their role during this period of history.

**Science:** In this unit, children will discover different types of rocks through exploring their physical properties. They will learn about different formations of rock and some children will become familiar with the terms sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic, using this knowledge to classify a variation of rock samples. The children will discover what a fossil is and how it is formed.

**Art:** Year 3 will investigate colour by matching colours to representational images and explore mood through colour by using contrasting and complimentary colours. They will look at the work of David Hockney to see how interpretation of a scene takes place and will use his techniques to inspire and support their investigation into colour to create their own landscape painting.

**RE:** Year 3 will learn about the Hindu creation story and the origin of Hinduism.

**Computing:** This unit explores programming through Scratch. They will be introduced to motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs.

**Music:** The learning is focused around one song: Three Little Birds. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.

#### Ways to help at home:

- Please read with your child every day. Pupils are to bring reading books and reading records to school every day.
- Practise quick fire maths focusing on number bonds and the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables!

#### Other information:

- Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due to be returned the following Wednesday. This includes work on Mangahigh and MyOn.
- PE will be every Friday. Please bring in the correct PE kit.