



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 1

This half term the children will be focussing on the question, **What was life like in Roman Britain?** This is a History topic, where the children will have the opportunity to explore Britain during the Roman invasion, making links to previously taught topics, as well as learning about key historical figures and events. At the end of the topic, children will be able to suggest why certain events happened and why certain people acted the way they did.

English

In English this term we will be completing work based on the book "Escape from Pompeii" by Christina Balit. The children will be travelling back in time to view the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the Roman empire.

Children will begin this half term using their understanding of the characters experiences in the story to write a diary, inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

The children will then be writing instructions based on learning from this half-term.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to organise their non-chronological reports using paragraphs, headings and subheadings, as well as develop their sentences using a range of conjunctions and openers.

Please continue to support your children at home. If they do any writing at home please encourage them to do their best handwriting.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night. Please remember to sign and date your child's reading diary each time they read at home so they get the chance to win a new book.

Maths

During this half term, children will be working on further multiplication and division, using the formal column method. They will then look at converting different units of measure with millimetre, centimetre and kilometre. Before moving onto measurements, looking at length and mass.

The children will need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts as they will be tested on a weekly basis. They can do this by going on Times table Rockstars every night at home. If you do not have your child's log in detail then please get in contact with your class teacher.

Science

In science this term, our focus will be on forces. The children will learn about how magnets attract or repel each other and how some materials are attracted and others not. They will also explore push and pull forces used to move or stop objects. Experiments will be conducted to further children's scientific thinking based on this topic.

Science Key Vocabulary

Magnets, forces, attract, repel, material, pull, push, poles, north, south and friction.

P.E.

P.E. for 3C will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday** and will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday** for 3A. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. This term the children will be learning how to actively get involved in invasion games such as football, basketball and netball.