



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



## Year 3 Newsletter

### Spring 2

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. Where children will be travelling back in time to view the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the Roman empire.

Throughout these lessons the children will be inventing their own version of the story, which will involve changing the main characters and setting, to create a warning story. Whilst reading the story there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to understand how the characters are feeling through role play, inferring from the pictures and the descriptive language used. Children will be continuing to include speech in their story writing.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to organise their story using paragraphs and 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 the next half term, the children will be exploring and working with fractions. To begin, they will learn to count in tenths and then they will start making whole numbers, before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. By the end of the term, the children will know about equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions.

Towards the end of the half term, the focus will change back to measurement, looking at mass and volume.

Children will also 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.

#### Science

In science this term we will be learning "**What is remarkable about rocks and splendid about Soil?**" We will research how important they are in our lives and how we use them every day.

#### Science Key Vocabulary

Igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, bacteria, fungi  
fossilisation, palaeontology, decay, sand, erodes.

#### P.E.

P.E will be on a **Monday** for 3C and **Tuesday** for 3Z. 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 half term the children will be learning how to strike and field a ball, they will learn these skills through games such as rounders and cricket.