



THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

EMPIRES AND EMPERORS **& VOLCANOES**



Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Multiplication and division
- Money
- Statistics

We will be focusing on learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on the topic 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'.

The children will be looking at different types of rocks and how they are used. They will also learn about how fossils are formed and why Mary Anning's discovery was significant.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question of 'What do Christians learn about the creation story?'. The children will be exploring the story of Adam and Eve and creating a biblical timeline of this.

The children will also be discussing temptation and God's forgiveness as well as learning about how God said we should look after our world.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home daily for the children to continue to develop their reading skills, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure.

Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and **return them to school with at least 3 reads by every Friday.**

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'. As a class we will be looking at challenges we may face and how to overcome them as well as goals we have for the future.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Information reports
- Adverts
- Formal letters

We will be focusing on the text 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. As a class we will be writing in the role of the different characters from the story. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout.

History/Geography

In History we will be looking at the topic 'Emperors and Empires' whilst focusing on the question 'How was the Roman invasion significant in Britain?' The children will be looking at how the Roman Empire expanded and their impact on Britain.

In Geography we will look at the topic of volcanoes. They will learn about the features of a volcano and how they are formed.

Music

In Music the children will have the opportunity to learn to play a range of songs on a glockenspiel with a specialist music teacher.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be focusing on sequencing sounds. ICT lessons will also have a large emphasis on the importance of E-Safety.

The children will also have the opportunity to continue to learn Spanish.

Homework

Times table books and spellings books will be handed out each week. A times table test and spelling test will be completed on a **Monday, books will also be due into school on this day.** Your continued support in preparing for these tests are gratefully appreciated.

Art / DT

In art we will be focusing on 'Prehistoric Pots'. The class will be learning about Bell Beaker style pots. In DT we will be looking at the topic 'Making It Move' where the children will be designing and making a toy.

PE

In PE the children will be focusing on developing their skills.

PE Kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Trainers are also required on this day.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please email me at l.waites1@stj.hslt.academy or call the school office if it is urgent.