



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
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions

We will also be continuing to focus 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 'Forces and Magnets'.

The children will be looking at how magnets can attract and repel depending on how the poles are facing. They will also be comparing materials and predicting whether they are magnetic or not.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on the question of 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'. In this unit the class will be learning about what Hindu people believe in and where the religion began. They will also learn about the Hindu Festival of Diwali and what takes place during Hindu weddings.

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 'Healthy Me'. As a class we will be looking at different types of foods and how to care for our bodies. We will also look at how to keep ourselves safe in different situations.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Diary entries
- Setting descriptions
- Newspaper reports

We will be focusing on the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout this unit.

History/Geography

In History we will continue 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 continue to 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 continue to focus 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 a CAM 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.