

SPRING TERM 1

CLASS 3SH

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



EMPERORS AND EMPIRES & VOLCANOES



Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Multiplication and division
- · Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and capacity

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 are learning about 'Light and Shadows'. We will understand what a light source is, how we can protect our eyes from light and tell a shadow puppet story using scientific principles to create different sized shadows.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will be focusing on the question of 'What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?'
In this unit the class will be learning about how Sikhs live and how they worship.

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 Friday.

Please can Reading records be brought into school <u>daily</u> so we can **monitor the children's reading.**

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'. As a class we will be looking at setting ourselves goals and the importance of having dreams.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Narrative writing
- Letter
- Report

We will be focusing on 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Micheal Morpurgo. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout this unit.

History/Geography

In History we will focus on the topic 'Empires and Emperors' whilst focusing on the question 'How was the Roman invasion in Britain significant?' The children will be looking at how the Romans lived and how the Roman empire expanded. In Geography we will look at the topic 'Volcanoes'. The children will learn about different types of volcanoes and eruptions, study case studies on volcanoes and how they impact the people around them.

Music

In music the children will be focusing on the song Three Little Birds. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose children will also have the opportunity to learn to play the glockenspiel.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be focusing on sequencing sounds.
Computing 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 looking at 'prehistoric pots'. The children will be practising clay techniques.

In DT we will be looking at the topic 'Making it Move'. The children will learn about cam mechanisms.

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. This term we will be focusing in developing **gymnastic skills**.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with us, please speak to us on the door, otherwise please email *or* call the school office if it is urgent.