



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:

- Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and capacity
- Reasoning and problem solving

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 continuing to learn about Light and Shadows. We will carry out an experiment to show how we can protect ourselves from the sun.

We will demonstrate that different SPF sunscreens block UV light by different amounts. We are also learning about how light travels by creating shadow puppets and using mirrors.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will be focusing on the question of 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?'

In this unit the class will be learning about the significant events that led to Jesus' death and resurrection.

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 **daily** so we can **monitor the children's reading.**

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Healthy Me'. As a class we will be looking at keeping ourselves healthy through diet and exercise and keeping ourselves safe.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Diary writing
- Persuasive writing
- Traditional tales

We will be focusing on 'Cinderella by the Nile' by Beverley Naidoo. The children will also be developing their grammar and punctuation skills throughout this unit.

History/Geography

In History we will continue 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 continue to study '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, all the learning for spring term 2 is focused around one song: The Dragon Song.

We will use our imagination and work together as a class and to create our own performances of this song. We will also continue to have sessions with our specialist music teacher learning to play the glockenspiel.

Computing/Spanish

In Computing we will be continuing with sequencing sounds and using Scratch. 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 continue with 'prehistoric pots'. The children will be creating their own clay pots.

In DT we will be looking at the topic 'Making it Move'. The children will learn about cam mechanisms and create a selection of their own.

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, as well as their black outdoor kits. This term we will be focusing in developing **rugby 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.