

# Year 3

## Spring Term Newsletter

Hello and welcome back to a brand new term!

We cannot believe it is the Spring term already but we are sure it is going to be a fantastic one.

### A few reminders:

- PE will be every Monday and Wednesday. For PE, please bring PE kits on a Monday just in case any lessons are moved around. Children must be able to remove their own earrings or have them removed at home. Children must have indoor and outdoor kit.
- New spelling lists will continue to go out on a Friday ready for a spelling test the following Thursday.
- We will continue to have two times tables tests every half term. By the end of Year 3, to be working at the expected standard, children need to be able to recall the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables, including division facts!



Miss Watson, Miss Alexander and Miss Rogers

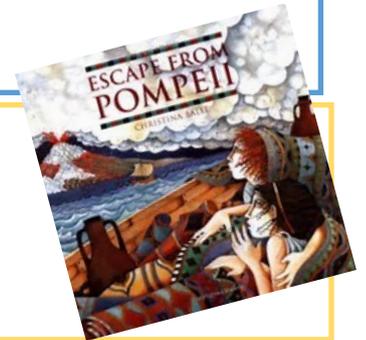
### Trip

We will be visiting Murton Park (Living History Centre) this term (Tuesday 24th March) where children will get to be a Roman for the day. More information will be sent out about this nearer the time.

### English

This term our topic is 'Eruptions & The Empire.' The children will be learning all about 'Volcanoes and The Romans.' We will focus heavily on the volcanic eruption that happened in Pompeii in 79A.D.

In our English lessons we will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. It tells the story of a young Roman boy who witnesses the destruction of the city of Pompeii. This is an excellent story which allows children to explore what life was like in Roman times. However, it also provides lots of exposure to powerful language and descriptions. We will use this story all term to support the children's reading and writing development.



### Maths

In maths this term we will be learning about fractions, data handling and measures.

If you wish to support your child further in maths at home. As well as times tables, please practise telling the time (analogue and digital).

### Reading

Please ensure your child is reading at least 3 times per week at home. This needs to be recorded in their home reading records to ensure they earn a raffle ticket on a Friday, giving them a chance to win a prize!



### Science and Art

To link with our learning on Volcanoes the children will be learning all about "Rocks". This is more exciting than it sounds!! As part of this unit children will be learning about different types of rocks, how to group rocks and about fossils. This will include an exciting fossil workshop let by Wakefield Museums on Wednesday 5th February. The workshop will be held in school



This half term we will also be learning about "sculpture" in art and about the work of the Wakefield artist "Barbara Hepworth". If you can, visit the Hepworth gallery in Wakefield. Can the children find any work by Barbara Hepworth? By the end of the half term, the children will have created their own clay sculptures in the style of Barbara Hepworth.