

Welcome to Year 3. We look forward to an exciting first term studying the Romans. Our Roman adventure begins with our Time Travel Day and our fabulous finish will be filming our Roman rhythm battle march.

#### **English**

Our key text for our Roman topic is 'Escape from Pompeii!' Throughout the term, the children will use a range of additional texts, both fiction and non-fiction, to encourage writing in a range of genres. There will be many opportunities for drama and role-play to inspire their writing. Each week there will also be a handwriting, spelling and grammar focus.



#### **Numeracy**

Exploring Roman numerals and their patterns will be an exciting starting point for our creative maths. In particular we will focus on time, measures and shape. We will be revising and extending work on the four operations +/-/x/÷ and carrying out mathematical investigations to develop our problem-solving skills. In addition, every day the children will take part in mental maths activities and challenges, including consolidating their knowledge of 2, 5, 10, 4 and 8 times tables.

## Computing

The children will be taught to create an interesting information page about the Romans, combining text and images. This will involve locating, interpreting and abbreviating information and deciding on layout and presentation. We will also discuss the importance of e-safety.

# History



This will provide the main focus for the first half term and we will begin by creating a class timeline. The children will have opportunities to research and discover facts about the Celts and Romans using a range of sources. The visit to Butser Ancient Farm will allow the children to experience

Roman life. Boudicca and Julius Caesar will be our focus historical figures.

## **French**

Through games and songs, the children will be learning to say simple greetings and ask and answer questions about themselves.

#### **Science**



Focusing on light, we will be investigating and comparing light sources as well as understanding how shadows are formed and how they change.

### <u>RE</u>

The children will be learning about the creation story and the lessons that Christians can learn from it. They will be considering what it is like to follow God and will also take part in celebrating the Harvest Festival.



#### Geography

During our Celts and Romans topic we will be locating the Roman Empire on a world map to develop the children's geographical knowledge. We will also learn about how volcanoes are formed through our study of Mount Vesuvius.

#### Art/DT

The children will develop their ability to use tools safely and will be creating Jinks frames by making a Roman catapult. They will be involved in creating



the classroom environment and developing our wonderful displays. They will also have the opportunity to create their own mosaics.

# <u>Music</u>

Through creative compositions, we will be investigating rhythm patterns. We will be developing formal rhythm notation and using it in a Roman battle march!. We look forward to some exciting performances.

## **PSHCE**

Our Values will underpin all aspects of school life. We will be thinking about respect, caring, independence, teamwork and reaching for the stars within the classroom and co-operation when at work and play. During circle time we will be exploring the importance of friendship.

## <u>PE</u>

Games lessons will focus on hockey and basketball. The children will develop their passing and receiving skills and take part in small group games.

Children are welcome to bring in a tracksuit for PE as the weather gets colder. In swimming, we will be focussing on stroke technique and water safety.

**Outdoor Games** - Monday (Cedar, Hawthorn and Maple) **Swimming** - Thursday (Hawthorn), Friday (Maple/Cedar)



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM

Friday 14 September Monday 17 September Monday 25 September Thursday 27 September Monday 1 October Wednesday 3 October

Wednesday 3-Tuesday 9 October Friday 5 October Wednesday 10 October Monday 15 October Tuesday 16 October

Wednesday 17 October

Tuesday 6 November Thursday 8 November Tuesday 20 November Thursday 22 November

Saturday 1 December Friday 7 December Friday 14 December 2.30 Curriculum meeting for parents School clubs begin Visit to Butser Farm Open day (Hurst Festival) Individual school photographs 8.50-9.15 Whole school 'Stay and Learn together' for parents 3.15 Book fair

Harvest Festival services in church 8.50 SEN coffee morning

Green Day

7.00 Curriculum evening for parents

(grammar and punctuation)

9.10 Curriculum morning for parents

(grammar and punctuation) 5.30 Parent consultations 3.30 Parent consultations 8.50 SEN coffee morning

8.50-9.15 Whole school 'Stay and

Learn together' for parents PTA Christmas bazaar School clubs finish 2.00 Nativity service

## **LEARNING AT HOME**

The partnership between home and school is vital to your child's learning. Please encourage your child to read every day. In addition there will sometimes be creative and investigative tasks set. We will also set home learning weekly, focussing on maths and spelling skills. It would be very helpful if all pupils could have a St Lawrence book bag for their reading journal, reading book and learning at home book.

<u>For your Information</u> On Tuesday morning, Mrs Garnett, Mrs Newman and Mrs Boyd will take Year 3.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation