

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Welcome to Year 3!

We started this new academic year with a themed day to introduce this term's topic of the Romans! We looked at some Roman artefacts, made sundials, and looked into Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. We also tried to make our own volcanos! Over this first half-term, the class will be completing art, design, geography and history work relating to this topic. The next half-term will be focused on science, in which we will look at rocks and plants. We will also link this to our art.



## English

In English, we will be looking at writing letters, with the children working towards being able to write their own letter. We will then be looking at newspaper reports which will

be based on our class topic of the Romans. After the half-term holiday, we will be looking at writing stories, and then non-chronological reports.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on the key concepts of place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication and division. We will then move onto fractions and statistics after the half-term break. On a Friday, the children will focus on their key maths skills ensuring they are able to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers appropriate to their age. There will also be a big emphasis on problem-solving and reasoning skills, to ensure that the children are able to apply their knowledge of key mathematical concepts. The times tables needed to be learned by the end of Year 3 are the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. It is crucial that children are able to recall these times tables, in addition to those learned in Year 2 (2s, 5s and 10s), so any extra support with this at home will be

extremely beneficial. If you have access to a computer or tablet, 'Hit the Button' is a great game that can help the children practice.

## **PE**

The children will continue to receive a variety of sports lessons each week on differing days. During the first term, the children will have PE on the following days:

**Monday – Mile Run**

**Wednesday – Tennis/  
Gymnastics/Dance**

**Thursday – Mile Run**

It is important they have appropriate PE kit for these lessons, which includes removing or covering up any jewellery please. The school P.E. kit is a red top and black trousers or shorts.

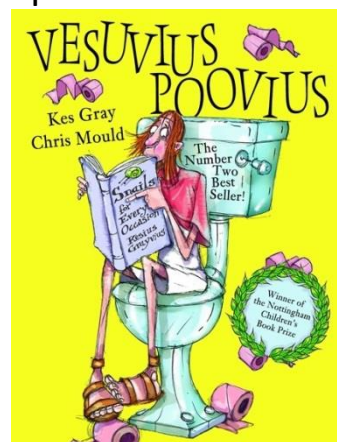
## **Homework**

Homework will be issued three times each week. The children will receive comprehension homework on a Monday, which is due in on the Wednesday. On a Wednesday, they will get handwriting and spelling homework, which is due in on the Friday, and on a Friday they will receive maths homework, due in the following Monday. The children are also expected

to complete 10 minutes of reading every night. Please record and sign their reading diary every night. If your child fails to complete their homework or read regularly at home, they will be expected to complete it during break time the following day.

## **Class Author**

Our class book this half-term is 'Vesuvius Poovius' by Kes Gray and Chris Mould. It is a very funny book which I'm sure the children will enjoy, and they'll be able to learn more about their topic of the Romans.



I very much look forward to getting to know both you and your children over this year, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mr. Eaton

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