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Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 3 – Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break.

The Year 3 team has been very busy planning for the return to school and we are really excited to be back in the classroom. We wanted to share with you the fantastic things we are going to be doing this half-term.

#### Curriculum Information

- **English**

In English this half-term, we will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit; a text set during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. The storyline is based on Tranio and Livia who witness the destruction of their beloved city, Pompeii. The children will be using their narrative skills to retell the story in which they will focus on using direct speech and paragraphs. They will then use distinctive language to write a setting description of Pompeii before and after the eruption.

- **Maths**

In Maths, we will first be focusing on equivalent fractions and how to order/ compare them. At the end of this unit, we will be moving on to time. By the end of the half term, children should be able to recall facts about durations of time. For example, how many days are in a week, a month and a year. Children should also begin to recognise times on an analogue clock, use A.M and P.M and tell the time to a minute.

#### **Science**

In Science this half-term, our focussed topic is 'Rocks'. The children will compare and describe different kinds of rocks. They will also describe how fossils are formed and have a go at making their own fossils. They will then move on to recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

- **Topic**

In **History**, we will be learning about The Romans. Using their knowledge of the history timeline, the children will be creating their own timelines looking at what came before and after. We will also be using our research skills to find out how the Roman Empire spread, how the army helped and what inventions were introduced to Britain.

In **Design & Technology**, we will be having an introduction to 3D printing and Tinker-cad. The children will be planning, designing, making then evaluating a keyring and a biscuit cutter.

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In **Music**, we will be taking inspiration from the British Isles, children will explore how to create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside, and city. Through images and discussion, they will develop an idea of what each of these places would sound like and then use this to create their own soundscapes.

In **Computing**, we will be continuing to code on code.org. This is a fun, creative platform for learning basic coding and computer science! We will look at key vocabulary, understand what algorithms are, explore program design and put computational thinking into practice. We will also be learning about branching databases. We will look at key vocabulary, understand what a branching database is and how to create one. Children will gain an understanding of what an attribute is and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Children will have the opportunity to create physical and on-screen branching databases.

In **PSHE**, we will be learning about the role of the family and their responsibility as well as discuss the expectations for female and male. In this unit we will identify friendships, look at ways to stay safe online and learn what a global citizen represents.

In **RE** we will be looking at Hinduism with our key question being, 'Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?' We will look at what Diwali means to Hindus and retell the Rama and Sita story.

- **Homework Expectations**

Children are required to read daily, but record on Go Read (online) at least 3 times a week, as part of their homework to improve their basic reading skills. Children have access to logins for Go Read, Serial Mash and Epic. They also need to practice their weekly spellings which will be given out on a Friday. In addition, children should be practising their 3, 4 and 8 times tables to enhance their mental maths abilities. All children have a login for Purple Mash, Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars to further support their learning.

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support. Please remember we have an open door policy and value the relationships we have with our families so do come and see us if you have any comments/concerns.

Kind regards

The Year 3 team

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