

# Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Hello and welcome back after the Christmas Holidays.

We hope you enjoyed the break and are well rested and ready to work hard! We have lots to learn this term and we have been busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities and lessons for you.

Our main topic this term is Disasters. We will research the changes in Britain through the Romans. In Literacy we will use the theme of Volcanoes to write information texts and explanation leaflets.

There will be a huge focus upon handwriting and presentation this half term; everybody must be joining their writing and thinking about how to present work to a high standard.

Skills to keep up at home - It is also really important to continue to read at home regularly to improve comprehension skills and to keep practising your times tables (3s, 4s, 6s, 8s).

Remember to have your PE kits in school every day please!

This term we are privileged to be joined by Miss Morgan and Miss Jones, both Student Teachers.

**Miss Hughes and Mrs Stokes.**



**Year 3 Learning Letter**

**Spring 2017**

# Our topic will focus on Disasters

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on Volcanoes (we will be reading 'The Secrets of Vesuvius') and States of Matter. We will be investigate how volcanoes are formed and explore solids, liquids and

In **Art** we will learn about Roman Mosaics. We will plan and design our own Roman Mosaic tile.  
In **DT** we will participate in our very own Roman Banquet. We will also research, design and make a Roman Sandal.



In **English** we will be reading 'Winter's Child' where we will explore the cold and frosty elements of Winter, identify key features of a quest story or fable and create character profiles using our description skills. During this topic children will learn how to sequence and write a fable where a new main character has to go on a journey. The grammar we will cover in this half term will include noun phrases - fantastic description to interest the reader, conjunctions - to link and extend sentences, adverbials - fascinating sentence openers, prepositions and direct speech.

In **Maths** we will be embracing the new National Curriculum looking at:

- Shape - identifying the different groups of shapes and comparing their key features.
- Additive Reasoning: the relationship between addition and subtraction. Comparing measures. One and two step problems.
- Number Sense: recognising, adding and subtracting and comparing fractions.

In **R.E** we will be learning about the Islamic religion, focusing on family life and Allah. In Spring One we will look at Allah - understanding how he is admired.

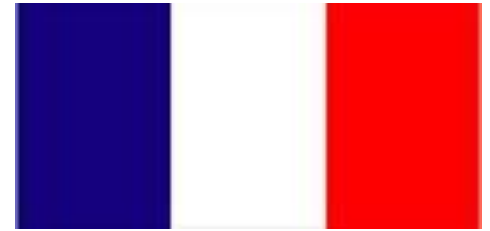
In Spring Two we will delve into Muslim family life.

In **Music** this is a six-week Unit of Work that continues to teach about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focused around exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel.



In **P.E** we are fortunate enough to have a gymnastics coach teaching us this term. She will work alongside Miss Hughes to develop your balance, coordinating, agility and flexibility skills. We also swap over swimming teams and practise our different swimming strokes and survival techniques.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through a creative topic approach, where we will look at the impact on Britain through the invasion of the Romans. Alongside this, we will explore and investigate disasters involving volcanoes. We will continue to develop enquiry skills, chronology and build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **French** we will continue to work on the topic 'All about me' and begin to learn counting, days and months of the year - so we can say our birthdays in French.

In **Computing** we will be looking at Coding. This involves using a keyboard to input and control a game. You will learn how to sequence codes to create simple games.

