

## Curriculum Newsletter Class 1 Summer term 2019.

Welcome back after the fantastic Easter break, I hope you enjoyed that lovely sunshine. The theme we are moving onto this term is about Italy and The Romans.

This is a theme that the whole school is working on and we are all taking similar aspects which we will look at in an age appropriate way. Children will learn about Italy and its major landmarks, we will then link our art to Venice, their masks, painted houses and gondolas. We will make and taste Italian food. Then we will move onto who were the Romans and why did they invade Britain? We will label the clothes that Romans wore



and identify a Roman Centurion.

In English we will be looking at reading comprehension and understanding texts, writing instructions, recipes and fact files. We will also be reading a book about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and writing stories about Pompeii.

In Maths we will be learning to tell the time, revising our reasoning strategies and continuing with our work on measuring and problem solving.

In May, during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May the year 2 children will be taking their national SATS tests in reading and maths. We will be working towards this for the next few weeks but keeping it low key and stress free for them. We will also be assessing their writing and in June the year 1 pupils will have their phonics screening test which will be done in class on an individual basis.

P.E.- we have changed the way that we organise our P.E time in order to give the children a longer time for writing or maths. Year 1 have P.E for an hour on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Year 2 have P.E for an hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please make sure that children have their P.E kits in school on the correct days. I advise keeping P.E kit in school every day as we will have some extra times for Sports day practices and sports festivals.

Science this term is about growing plants and their life cycles. We will be planting seeds and I hope to organise a visit to Rosemoor to learn more about plants and seeds. This will be after half term and a separate letter will follow.

Please continue to hear children read and read to them as often as possible. I will send spellings home on Fridays so that you have them for the weekend.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Kate Slocombe and Mrs Amanda Mayhew.