

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for the last term of the year!

The first few weeks of Summer Term will be spent getting the Year 6s ready for their SATs. They have all worked really hard and have all been amazing! Whatever they achieve during that week, myself and the rest of the school are very proud of them and they should definitely be proud of themselves!

Our topic for this term is '**Italy and the Romans.**' We are going to do lots of fun things within this topic. In **Geography**, we will look at the actual location of Italy and learn about some of the natural and man-made features of the country, such as the leaning tower of Pisa, the Colosseum and places such as Venice and Pompeii. Here we will look at the **Science** behind what happened in Pompeii. They will learn about how volcanoes were created and what happens when a volcano does actually erupt. We will discuss how different materials change state particularly how lava (a liquid) turns into rock (a solid) and whether this is reversible or not. They will learn loads about the **history** of Italy particularly the Roman period. They will learn about what life was like back then and about things that the Romans created that we still use today. There will be time for more **art** and crafty activities too, the children will be designing and creating their own Roman Mosaics, which I'm sure they're going to love doing.

In **Literacy**, we have focussed our learning on reading and SPaG for most of last term. Therefore we will be focussing more on the writing this term. This will involve them putting all their amazing SPaG knowledge into their own work. The children will write a variety of different texts including some instructional writing on how to make a tasty Italian dish, a newspaper report based on a famous Roman invention, an information text and we will also find some time to write some fictional stories, which the children love to do.

We have covered most of the topics from the Year 4, 5 and 6 **Math** curriculums in the previous two terms. Therefore this term will mostly be spent going back and re-covering any aspects that the children have found more difficult than others, so that they can feel more confident with it. This will include areas such as measurement, shape, data handling along with a mix of other areas. Most of the Summer term will also be focussed around problem solving. This will require children to read questions carefully and work out the steps needed to answer the problem. They will need all their maths skills to help them with this so we will continue to ensure they are confident with their calculations skills.

In other subjects: within **computing**, the children will be properly introduced to the new Chromebooks which have been purchased for the school. Once confident with these, the children are going to attempt to make their own games using coding on the program scratch. We will use this time to reinforce good e-safety tips too as this is very important in today's world! After half term, all the teachers are going to do an afternoon swap once a week, so we will be fortunate enough to have Mrs Slocombe come into Class 3 and teach some **Music**. We will also be having a Healthy Living Week, which will cover many areas of the **PSHE** subject. We will be talking about healthy eating, the importance of exercise and the importance of a healthy mind as well as a healthy body. Mrs Evans will be coming into Class 3 to do a lesson with them and the Life Education van will be doing its annual trip to the school.

**PE** will continue to be taught by Mrs Wilson every day except Fridays. This term there will be lots of sporting events to participate in, including sports day, our own cross-country, rounders and the Merton Rally. Alongside all of this, the year 6 children will be taking part in the 'Time to Shine' where all of the year 6s will go along to a variety of different sports and activities that children participate in outside of school. This will include going to Judo, horse riding, surfing, doing a bike ride, playing a football match and more. This will be very exciting for the Year 6s and will give them a well earned reward for all their hard work with SATs!

Once SATs are over, I won't be giving anymore specific homework out. All of the children have done really well with their homework since Christmas and deserve a break. Reading and continuing to practise their times tables will continue to be encouraged as these skills are so important for all the children's learning! Also doing some work on Athletics is always encouraged, I have seen a big improvement in the children that use this regularly. The children's reports will be sent out after half term. However, if at any time during the term you have any concerns regarding your child or anything you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Sussex