



# Autumn 2018



## What did the Romans ever do for us?

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Key Stage 2! I hope that you all had a well-earned, enjoyable summer break with your child/ren and are looking forward to the new academic year. We have an exciting term of learning and discovery planned as we ask ourselves... 'What did the Romans ever do for us?'

The Romans will be our overarching topic where the children will be going back in time to learn about life for the Celts before the Roman invasion of Britain and the lasting impact of Romans on our country. We will delve deeper into the life of the Romans; learn about their way of life and discover how their invasion spread across Britain. We will also look at the Ancient City of Rome and appreciate the grand scale of famous Roman landmarks such as the Pantheon and Colosseum. As an exciting start to Term 2 we have planned a trip to the Roman Baths in Bath on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. You will find more details about this trip in the attached trip letter.

In English, our focus will be exciting openings, with a theme of defeating the monster. As the children learn how to write exciting openings to stories, we will explore the writing of Ted Hughes in "The Iron Man". In term two, our focus will be will be instructions writing.

The Science focus for this term is Rocks and the children will be learning the three different types of rock formation; igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. They will be exploring, comparing and categorising rocks based on their appearance and texture. They will also research Mary Anning, a famous palaeontologist, and discover how fossils helped her understanding of the past. In term 2 we will be investigating Forces and Magnets, including magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

PE will be on a Monday and Friday in Term 1. The children will learn golf this term with Superstars. Please ensure that the children have PE kit available on those days.

Our school value this term is "Thankfulness" and for Term 2 it will be "Trust". Please see the value poems at the end of this letter for how we can show these values and how you can encourage our Christian values at home.

The spellings home learning will be sent home on a Monday and is due in on a Friday when the children will be tested. During Term 1 the class will be introduced to "Pick and Mix" home learning. Class 3 will also start times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars online programme. We will provide more details on both times tables and "Pick and Mix" at our Curriculum information meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3:10pm. We hope very much that you can attend.

The Year 3 team this year will consist of Mrs Jones, Mrs Butler and Mrs Tidy and we look forward to a very exciting start to our new year- and an exciting leap into KS2 for Class 3!

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Class 3 Team

Thankfulness	Trust
<p><b>T</b>hinking of good things  <b>H</b>appy memories  <b>A</b>ll creation praising God  <b>N</b>ot taking anything for granted  <b>K</b>eeping focused on the positive  <b>F</b>eeling blessed  <b>U</b>nderstanding the sacrifices people make for us  <b>L</b>iving joyfully  <b>N</b>ot complaining  <b>E</b>xpressing gratitude to God  <b>S</b>aying thank you to those who help us  <b>S</b>howing gratefulness by our deeds.</p>	<p><b>T</b>aking someone at their word  <b>R</b>elying on someone to support you  <b>U</b>nbreakable promises  <b>S</b>howing that you can be trustworthy  <b>T</b>reasuring good friends.</p>