



# Woodpeckers



I hope that you have had a restful Easter break, and that the children are ready for another busy half term!

Our topic for the half term is called '**Time Detectives**' and focuses on using historical evidence to find out about the past. The period of time we will focus on is the Romans. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- Using dates and vocabulary relating to the passing of time, including ancient, modern, BC, AD, century and decade.
- How life in Britain was affected by the Roman's invasion.
- Identifying how we can find out about the Romans from different sources, including handling a selection of authentic Roman remains on our museum visit.
- Bias in historical evidence.
- Researching the British resistance to the Roman invasion, eg. Boudicca
- Researching the structure and tactics of the Roman army.
- Exploring what it was like to live in Roman times, including where Romans lived, the clothes they wore and the food they ate, including cooking Roman inspired food.
- **As part of our topic we will be visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, where we will be attending a Roman artefact handling session as well as looking at the artefacts in the museum plus the hypocaust.**
- Activities Day at Jordan's Close on **Tuesday 22nd May.**



As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be taking part in striking and fielding games, Kwik cricket with a 'Chance to Shine' cricket coach and swimming.

**Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursdays.**

**Please can the children have their full PE kit in school EVERY day, including trainers.**

**Our swimming days will be Tuesday (pm) and Friday (am).**

*(Starts 1<sup>st</sup> May – Weather dependent)*



- In French we will be learning: days of the week, months of the year, and numbers 10 – 20. During this lesson time, we will also learn some basic Latin to link with our Roman topic.
- In Music our focus will be 'Painting with Sound' where we will be creating mood and effects with tempo, dynamics and rhythm. We will also be continuing with rehearsals for our Sing On performance.
- In ICT our focus is on using ICT for research. We will identify and use weblinks, discuss the reliability of web searches and use search engines.
- In PSCH we focus is 'Relationships'. We will identify how we can take responsibility for our behaviour and know when something is our fault. We will also consider how we can express feelings of guilt and know what to do when we feel guilty and how to make amends.
- In Science we will be learning about 'Light' and will continue to develop our scientific investigation skills. We will look at shadows and how they form, how light travels and is reflected and how, in order to see, a source of light is required.
- In RE we will be asking 'How and why does a Christian follow Jesus?'
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on shape, fractions, time, multiplication and division, and measurement.
- In literacy we will establish links with our topic work to look at information texts on the Romans, and we will also be exploring myths and legends based on Roman gods and stories.
- Children will receive weekly homework on top of their reading. Homework will be handed out on a Thursday or Friday and will need to be in school the following Wednesday.

Please feel free to catch us after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year. There is a fortnightly drop in at 3pm on Wednesdays.

## The Year 3 Team

