



Y3K

Mrs Kemble

Picasso class

## Spring Term 2 - Information Guide 2nd Half Term 2017



### Our learning this term

#### Our topic is 'Tremors'

**English** –Our Literacy focus on historical narratives, we will be writing a story about Pompeii. We will also be writing newspaper reports and diaries.

**Maths** – Our work on fractions will continue this half term as we move onto finding equivalent fractions and solving problems involving fractions. We will then revisit calculation with a focus on addition and subtraction, building on the knowledge we gained during term 1.

**Science** – Our 'Tremors' topic will take us through a unit about rocks. We will explore rocks by being 'scientists' and looking at them through magnifying glass!! We will find out about how rocks are formed and carry out simple tests to see the effects of erosion.

**Other subjects**-Geography and History will be a focus of our topic work this half term. In Geography we will find out where in the world volcanoes are and where earthquakes take place. We will find out what causes both of these events and the damage that can be done. The volcanic eruption in the ancient city of Pompeii will be our focus in History and this will lead us into finding out about what it was like to live during Roman times.

### VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

Our topic will culminate in the 'Express' part of our curriculum taking place in the Roman Ruins Curium. Here we will visit the entire site, with particular attention to 'The Earthquake House' seeing how there is evidence of the earthquakes destructive power hundreds of years after the event. The children can wear a Roman costume for this visit and this will take place during the last week of this half term (more detail to follow)

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 1 hour a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

**HOMEWORK:** A new homework sheet has been attached to the inside front cover of homework books with varying levels of challenge. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed.

### READING

**Spring 2** – It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through guided reading sessions and in other lessons.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE:** Every Tuesday and Thursday

**Swimming-** as the swimming pool is due to be closed for a month this half term our swimming sessions have been postponed to later this year.

**Library-** Tuesday

**SPELLING:** A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested the following Monday. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.)