

# Class 3

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 6



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe the final term is here already! I'm looking forward to a very exciting and very busy last term. There is a lot to look forward to as we travel back in time to the height of the Roman empire. During our topic, we will look at the impact the Romans had on Britain and will experience life as a Roman soldier when we visit a real Roman fort!

Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. East



## Term 6 Topic: *The Romans*



This term, the children will learn how the Romans conquered many countries to create the vast Roman Empire. They will discover what life was like in Britain before and after the defeat of the Celts and learn about the Celtic warrior queen, Boudicca. They will also learn what life was like for normal Roman citizens.

In literacy, pupils will develop their understanding of narrative writing as they identify the features of adventure stories. The class will use a 'story mountain' to structure their Roman adventure and focus on creating interesting characters and settings. In preparation for this year's Poetry Jam, children will be working together to perform the poem 'I am a Roman Soldier' by Josiah Wedgewood.

Our science unit this term will focus on animals. During this unit, children will identify the nutritional needs of humans and other animals, as well as exploring the skeletons and muscles of different creatures and how they are used for support, protection and movement.

In Art, children will focus on creating patterns when they design and make a Roman-style mosaic tile. They will also be working on their drawing skills, and thinking about symmetrical images, as they create some bold artwork for their roman shields.

## Other subjects ...

Numeracy: Children will be completing the remaining objectives for the Year 3 programme of study for mathematics from the National Curriculum and reinforcing their understanding of what they have already covered throughout the year. Children will link Maths to their topic as they learn how to read and write Roman numerals.

Computing: This term, children will use publisher to create their own information leaflet on the Romans.

RE: Children will continue to learn about Islam, including understanding the importance of prayer rituals and special festivals.

## Helping your child at home ...

Spellings: We will continue to send spellings home on Fridays and test them the following Friday. All spellings are taken from the Year 3 National Curriculum spelling lists; the Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Word lists; and topic related vocabulary lists.

Times tables: Children will continue to be tested on their times tables and related divisions facts every Friday. This term they will be given two and a half minutes to answer 30 questions (12 of these will be divisions related to a specific set of times tables). By the end of Year 3, it is expected that children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

Reading records: In order to gain their reading certificates, the children need to be reading five times a week. We will continue to check the reading records on Tuesday mornings. If the reading record is not in school or has not been handed in for any reason, we will check it the following Tuesday and we will make sure we count the missing week!

Homework: Every week, children are expected to learn the times tables and spellings they have been given. In addition, they will have a piece of maths homework – this may be set online on MyMaths.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Chance to Shine Cricket - These cricket sessions will take place every Wednesday in Term 6.

PE: PE kits, including sun hats, will need to be in school on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

School Photos – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Roman Fort Day - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Poetry Jam - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

School Closes - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July