

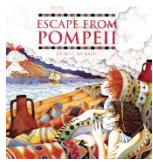
# Year 5 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning for Term 3 is detailed below so you can support your children in their learning at home. Please keep up to date with the latest news from Year 5 by following our Twitter account and by checking Class Dojo regularly.

## **We are Readers**

The children can borrow a range of suitable Free Reader books and level reading books from school.



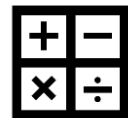
Children should read every day and they should read to an adult at least three times a week. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record.

## **We are Writers**

In Term 3, our writing will be based around the fiction text *Escape From Pompeii*. Over the term, we will be writing a range of pieces including an alternative ending, setting description to create contrasting atmospheres. For our non-fiction outcome, we will be writing a persuasive letter.

## **We are Mathematicians**

In this term, we are going to begin by extending our knowledge of multiplication and division. For this, we are going to be using a formal written method to multiply numbers up to four digits and divide large numbers using short division. After that, we are going to be focusing on fractions. During this unit, we will compare and order fractions with different denominators as well as converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions.



In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

## **We are Scientists**

This term, we are studying Chemistry. Our focus will be atoms and states of matter.

In this unit, we will revisit our knowledge that everything is made of atoms and will introduce the periodic table of elements. We will be learning the difference between mass, volume and density and exploring what is meant by a vacuum. We will also learn about solutions, concentration and how to separate solutions.

### **We are Athletes**

PE will be taught on **Friday** afternoons and children will have Gym Run on **Thursday** mornings this term. Children can come to school in their PE kits on those days.



### **Swimming**

In addition to the above PE days, Year 5 children will also go swimming on Thursday afternoons this term. The government requires all children to perform a self-rescue in deep water and swim 25 meters in a recognised stroke. Some will focus on working towards this and others will be developing stroke technique, speed and stamina.

### **We are Historians**



In Term 3, we are going to be learning about the Ancient Romans. We will explore the chronology of the Roman Empire and look at its geographical reach. We will focus on the historical figure of Julius Caesar to evaluate his significance, and we will interrogate primary sources to determine what we can tell about life in Roman times.

### **We are Artists**

In Term 3, we will be focusing on printing. After learning about the history and key techniques, we are going to design, create and then evaluate our own projects incorporating some of these different techniques.



### **We are Home Learners**

Love of Learning consists of spellings (on Spelling Shed) Times Table Rock Stars and reading each week. Children should read to an adult three times a week and this should be recorded in the yellow Reading Records. TTRS engagement is checked by the teacher online. Additionally, the termly homework grid will be available on Class Dojo.

### **We are Frome Vale Citizens**

This term's Learning Behaviour is **Self-evaluation**. The FVA Value is **Honesty**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice honesty in our lives. Our key question will be: *How can you be honest and not hurt someone?*