

## Communication and Language

By linking the Romans with our text *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit, we will be writing our own stories and developing these skills:

- To use powerful adjectives to write scene descriptions.
- To include direct speech correctly.
- To use a range of short and extended sentences.
- To include time connectives to naturally move forward the story.

In addition, the children will also:

- Develop their speaking and listening skills with hot seating activities.
- Create non-information posters and leaflets about Romans in Britain.

In reading children will:

- Read a shared text in a small group.
- Read independently and with an adult.

### House Keeping

Homework and new spellings will continue to be given out on a Tuesday. Please ensure that the children have their homework books back in on the following Monday morning. Homework club will continue to run on a Tuesday afterschool between 15:15 and 15:30.

We recommend all children read out loud to/with an adult at home AT LEAST three times a week, ideally aim for FIVE.

This will improve the chances of the children completing their '*Rainbow Reading*' (see newsletter for more information).

## *Stoke St Michael*

### Parents Overview

Autumn term 1&2 **Oaks** 2018

## 'Escape From Pompeii'

### Personal, Social, Emotional

We have entered the world of 'Gem' learning powers in order to foster even more positive learning habits across our School.

This term we will be concentrating on: DIAMOND POWER - taking responsibility for our own little problems; developing problem solving skills and independence.

### Expressive Arts and Design

For the rest of term the children will be:

- Making Roman Shields
- Drawing a Roman City
- Creating Roman Mosaics

### Physical

The children will be taking part in a swimming and activity on a Wednesday afternoon. They will be participating in dance or fitness / sports then they would swap over and do their swimming lesson in ability groups. They will then be continuing with multi-sports on a Friday afternoon.

### Mathematics

This term we will focus on:

1. **Multiplication and division**
  - Using multiplication and division facts to solve more complex questions.
  - Long and short multiplication.
2. **Time and length**
  - Reading time to the nearest interval and looking at 24 hour clock
  - Measuring to the nearest cm and mm
3. **Algebra (Y5 & Y6)**
  - Developing use of trial and improvement.

The children will also be continuing to learn their times tables in class, however, they need to continue to do so at home.

### Understanding of the World

Science:

**The Human Body** – We will be looking at:

1. The Digestive system
  - To identify parts of the digestive system.
  - To describe their function.
2. The Circulatory System
  - To describe how the circulatory system works.

Topic

We will be focussing these aspects of the Romans:

- The Roman invasion of Britain,
- The life of a Roman Soldiers.
- The Battle with Boudicca.
- Roman hygiene and sewers.
- Roman food.

Within our Geography lessons, we will continue to look at the UK and show comparisons of Britain during the Roman period and now.