



# Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

## Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



### South American Class Year 4



#### A Warm Welcome!

I am Miss Crane and I am so excited to be the Year 4 class teacher again this year! We are so lucky to have a wonderful TA, Mrs Martin who knows the children well after being with them at times last year. We hope you and your families had a wonderful summer and we are excited to meet everyone as we start the Autumn term.

Our P.E session is on a Monday and Thursday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

We will have Forest school every three weeks, please ensure your children have the appropriate clothing for all weathers in school.

Please do get in touch with any queries you may have.

#### This Half Term's Learning

This half term our topic focus is History. We will be taking a learning journey about Roman Invasions



#### English Learning Objectives

This half term we will be reading the books We were Romans and Escape from Pompeii.

Initially, we will be exploring the structures of non-chronological reports based on the lives of Romans. We will be looking closely at the History of Romans; what they enjoy, they ate and what they wore. We will be looking closely at the importance of fact, third person and presentational features of non-chronological reports.

Following this we will begin looking at recounts in the form of letters and Newspaper reports focusing on the class book, Escape from Pompeii. We will look closely at the structures and language features of these text types; and use these skills to create interesting letters from characters in our story and newspaper articles of events from our class book.

Reading Stars will continue each morning to develop the children's reading and comprehension skills as well as Grammar Gurus to support us with our grammar skills.

#### Maths Learning Objectives

We will start the half term by looking at place value. We will be recapping numbers to 1000 before looking at rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, comparing 4-digit numbers and looking at negative numbers alongside some roman numerals.

We will then move onto addition and subtraction. We will be working with three digit and four-digit numbers. We will be looking at different methods to complete these addition and subtraction calculations.

#### Other curriculum areas :

In Science we will be learning about teeth and digestion. We will be identifying the different types of teeth and understanding their uses, learning how to keep our teeth healthy and how this varies in different animals, as well as looking at what makes up our digestive system and how it works.

In History we will be learning about who the Romans were and the different people who contributed to the invasions across Britain, those who fought to protect against invasion of Britain and the fall of Roman Britain.

In Design and Technology we will be looking at the skills which come with making Roman Catapults. We will look at joints and movement to make an efficient piece.

In R.E we will be learning about where Christians beliefs come from.

We will start off Computing looking closely at the importance of E-Safety, arming ourselves with the support and understanding of how to keep safe online.

In PSHE we will be looking at friendships and the importance of being kind and dealing with situations that may be tough,

Music will be led by our wonderful music hub and P.E from Mrs Greenland.