



### Welcome to Year 3, Term 1!

It was lovely to see so many smiley faces on the first day of term – a very exciting day for all of us! We hope that your child (or children!) will settle in quickly at Westgate Academy and that they will enjoy making new friends and finding out about their new school. Already lots and lots of house stars have been earned! Well done Year 3s! You should feel proud of yourselves!

### Curriculum Journey

Our topic this term is about the past and asks... 'Were the Romans really rotten?' We have booked two fascinating visitors to enrich our learning. The children will find out about the Iron Age in Britain from Marcia the Celt and then will discover facts about the Roman Invasion and the Roman Army from 'The Lone Legionary'. They will become time travellers, archaeologists and soldiers as we bring this period of history to life!

In English, we will begin by focusing upon practising basic skills whilst enjoying Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile'. Next we shall work on recounts, using contexts from our topic learning and finally we shall be creative, writing shape poems with a seasonal theme.

Maths will begin with a focus on Number. We will learn about odds and evens, place value, partitioning and recombining and will be trying to improve our addition and subtraction skills. Soon your child will have the chance to earn Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum stickers according to their times tables knowledge. Perhaps you could play some multiplication number games at home to build up your child's speed and accuracy?

In ICT, we will use the laptops to practise and develop our word processing skills. Our new P.E. scheme, Real PE, will involve lots of teamwork, with the children trying to develop control in their movements. In Games, we will be practising a whole range of skills useful in a variety of sports. In Art, we shall focus on exploring sketching skills, using a range of Roman artefacts to draw from observation.

### Planned events:

- Marcia the Celt to visit us: 13th September
- School Photographer to take individual photographs: 3rd October
- A Roman soldier invades!: 16th or 17th October

### Home Learning

### PE and Games

Please ensure that your child has their kit in ALL week. (This term, Wednesday is outside Games and Thursday indoor P.E.) Kit MUST follow the guidance set out in our school brochure.

Once the children have settled in to their new routines, they will begin to be set Home Learning. A creative project will be given each term and there will be weekly English, Maths and spelling activities. English and Maths Home Learning will be set on a Thursday and needs to be returned by the next Tuesday. A list of spellings will be sent home each Tuesday. The children will have spelling tests on the following Tuesday. Please ensure that you support your child as needed, practising spellings, hearing them read regularly and helping them to learn their times tables at home.

### Partnerships

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please ensure that you come and speak to the class teacher or to our Year Leader for Year 3, Miss Mottram. You may be able to speak to us after school or by appointment if this is not possible.