

Fox Class

Welcome back to the new term – I hope the class all had an enjoyable week during the half-term break. It was good to be able to catch up with so many parents before half-term – please get in touch if you have any other queries.

“What did the Romans do for us?”

Our focus will be on the impact of the Roman invasion and colonisation of England. Many of our subjects will be accessed through this theme. Some subjects, such as maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, Fox class will be continuing to develop their spelling using the “Sounds and Syllables” programme, as well as working with a range of texts about the Romans.

Our writing focus will be on diaries and non-chronological reports. Children will have the option to read a range of Roman literature from the school library and our reading chest. We will also be reading Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, Young Slave as our class book.

This week in Maths, Year 4 are learning about area, then we are moving on to multiplication and division. This will help reinforce the children’s knowledge of times tables, something we continue to encourage them to practise at home as well.

As well as this, Fox class will be spending time sharpening their mental maths skills and confidence with numbers. These underlying concepts really help the children to carry out calculations accurately and efficiently.

Links to Prior Learning

As we study our theme this term, we will be using our previous knowledge of timelines to gain an understanding of when the Roman era happened in relation to historical events we have learned about. The children have also encountered the Romans briefly in their previous local history studies.



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In History, we will be studying the impact of the Roman conquest of England, and how we know what life was like back then. The children will have opportunities to record their learning creatively.

In Computing, the children be making and editing sound recordings, which will be a useful skill across different aspects of the curriculum.

Our focus in Art will be Roman mosaics.

On Thursdays, Mrs Slingsby will be in class to teach RE and Music. She will also spend time each week working on PHSE with the pupils.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books daily if needed.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays when we will be developing gymnastics and hockey skills.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

How to support your child at home:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and/or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Times Tables Rock Stars, timestables.co.uk or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

I will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

Dates for your diary:

PD Day (school closed) – **Friday 28th November**

Christmas jumper day, Christmas meal, KS2 carol concert after school – **Wednesday 17th December**

End of term – **Friday 19th December**