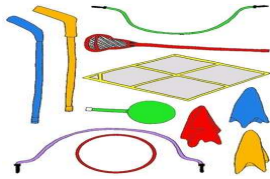


Hello everyone!

We have a really busy few months coming up with our first of 2 trips this term. We will be investigating Roman Chesterfield in March and discovering what legacy has been left behind. I have been on this trip many times and the children always gain lots to reinforce what we are learning in class. Termly ,learning meetings will be both face to face and online this year. They will be online Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and in person on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We have the book fair coming to school on the 7<sup>th</sup> February and will be with us all week. More details will follow soon.



We will continue to have PE with Mr Priestley on Wednesday afternoon and we will be swimming on Thursday mornings up until February half term. They should come to school wearing PE kit on both of these days. Please can you ensure that the children have their **earrings removed on PE days**. A reminder that PE kit is plain white t shirt or polo shirt and navy blue or black tracksuit. These should not have any logos on.



Homework

Please continue to help your children access Spelling Shed for their spelling homework and TT Rockstars for times table work. There will also be a piece of RE homework every few weeks to help us kick off our new learning.

I run a homework club on a Thursday lunchtime where children are welcome to stay in and complete their TT Rockstars or Spelling Shed work. Children who have not completed these by Friday will stay in at lunchtime to do so.



Reading

The children are asked to read to someone at home 3 times a week and an adult will hear them in class once a week too. Dojo points will be given out on Mondays for children who have 3 signatures from someone at home. I do not have a set day for changing reading books, they are encouraged to record the end of the book in in their reading diary then an adult will check this and change the book where appropriate.



RE

Our topics for this term are community, giving & receiving and Self discipline. We will be continuing with class worship on Friday's at 9:30. Ours will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.



English

We will basing our English on Escape from Boudica's Army then after half term, we will be reading Escape from Pompeii. We are going to be writing letters home to Rome from this new country and then a newspaper report. After half term, we will be exploring poetry and setting descriptions.



Our science with Miss Gibbens will look at electricity followed by changing states of matter. The electricity topic will follow on from making torches in DT.



We continue to follow the White Rose curriculum this year and looking deeper into multiplication this term. We will go on to look at length and perimeter, fraction and starting to explore

decimals. Please continue to support your children with times tables in preparation for the times table check later in the year.



### Art and DT

This half term we start with a DT project making electrical torches followed by an art project after half term focussing on drawing techniques.



### Music

We continue to have music lessons with Mr Burton from the Trust's music provision. The children's Duke playing has really improved and their music theory is developing well under Mr Burton's excellent tuition too.



### History

We are learning about Ancient Britain and the Roman invasion this half term which will be supported well by our trip to Roman Chesterfield after half term. There are many Horrible Histories clips and books to support the children's learning at home as well as some excellent displays in local museums.



### Geography

After half term, We will be extending our geographical knowledge by learning about tectonic plates, volcanoes and earthquakes. Our work in English will be based around Escape from Pompeii which will link our history and geography topics together well.



## Computing

Mrs Oates will continue to teach computing across key stage 2 and will spend the whole term teaching the children how to programme. The children really enjoy these lessons and benefit from her expert knowledge in this area.



## French

The children's learning in French will continue this term by exploring how to introduce themselves to new people. We will then extend our learning of the Romans by learning about them in our French lessons too.

We had a busy end to last term and I think that this term will prove to be a busy but exciting one too! Thank you for all your support with learning at home.

God bless

Mrs Fitzpatrick