

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a pleasurable Easter break. We have another great topic lined up for you this term and I hope that you are all excited to get started.

We are taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we go back in time to the Romans! This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.



English - We be using the Romans as our focus when looking at biographies, Letters, Myths and Poetry. We will also be doing a novel study based on *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. We will be covering the grammar focuses of pronouns, adverbs, adjectives, verbs, nouns, prepositions and singular and plural throughout these topics.

Maths - We will be covering number and place value, adding and subtraction three digit numbers to ones, tens and hundreds, recognise and describe 3D shapes, perimeter, multiplication and division using mental and formal written methods, recognise and find fractions, volume and capacity, tell and write the time from an analogue clock and interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.

Topic - Emperors and Empires, in art we will be learning about the history of mosaics, before focusing on the colours, patterns and themes found in Roman mosaic. The children learn techniques to help them design and make a mosaic border tile. In history the children will be delving into chronology, exploring everyday life in ancient Rome, finding out about the founding of Rome, the Roman Empire, Significant emperors, the Roman army, invasion of Britain; Significant people - Boudicca and Everyday life in Roman Britain. In geography we will be investigating maps and developing fieldwork and Geographical skills.

PSHE - Relationships: We will look at family roles and responsibilities, skills of friendship, how to keep myself safe, how actions of people around the world help, how our lives may differ to those of children from around the world and influence us and how to express our appreciation of our friends and families.



Science - We will be exploring how plants grow for the first part of the term. The children will learn all about the fascinating world of plants! They will identify the functions of the different parts of a plant, find out what plants need in order to grow well and explore how plants reproduce.

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The second part of term will focus on Light and Shadow. They will learn about light, shadows, day, night and everything in between! With opportunities for practical experiments and fun activities, the children will find out about how light travels, what shadows are and how the length and position of a shadow changes throughout the day.

PE - Our focuses are Physical and Health and Fitness. Firstly, we will be learning to perform a sequence of movements with changes in levels, direction and speed and to perform a range of skills with control and consistency. Secondly, we will be discussing how their bodies feel before, during and after exercise and using equipment appropriately and move and land safely.

Computing - Using our digital software programme, 'Purple Mash' we will be touch typing and Emails. During our first topic touch typing the children will learn about typing terminology, understanding the correct way to sit at the keyboard, how to use the home, top and bottom row keys, and to practise typing with the left and right hand. Our second topic emails will focus on different methods of communication, how to open and respond to an email using an address book, to learn how to use email safely, to add an attachment to an email and to explore a simulated email scenario.



RE - Our first topic is Choices (Reconciliation). The children will know and understand that choices have consequences and the importance of conscience in making choices.

Our second topic will be Energy (Pentecost). The children will know and understand the energy of fire and wind and the wonder and power of the Holy Spirit.

Our final topic is Special Places (Universal Church). The children will know and understand that everyone has a special place and the special places for Jesus and the Christian community.

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read (daily) - their reading scheme book provide by school
- Practise spellings (daily) testing on Friday
- Mathematics task/activity (1 per week)
- English task/activity (1 per week)

PE

PE lessons will be continuing on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in kit appropriate for both indoor and outdoor sessions. Also, as the weather is warmer, please ensure that your child has sun hats, bottles of water and sun cream applied before school for those very sunny days! In the interests





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of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them or cover them with tape.