

Autumn 2018 Newsletter 3/4H



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back for the new school year. I'm looking forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks.

The children have settled in very well and are working really hard, with great attitudes to their learning.

Here are some of the areas we will be focussing on in the coming weeks:

<p>Topic</p>	<p>This term we are delving into the past to discover all about the Romans. We will begin by looking at who the Romans were, where and how they invaded and why they left Britain. We will then move onto looking at the impact the Romans had on Britain. We will be exploring the past through stories, role play, computing, books and video clips.</p>	
<p>English</p>	<p>During the first half term, in English, we will begin by learning how to use a wide range of reference texts. This will be followed by reading and writing stories set in Roman times. After half term we will be reading and writing texts set in imaginary worlds and creating images with poetry.</p>	
<p>Reading</p>	<p>The children will be reading daily in class in addition to guided reading sessions where they will take part in a range of reading activities. Each week the children will be read with twice in a group and carry out specific follow-up work. Reading daily at home with your child will really help them with their fluency and understanding.</p>	
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will be looking at a range of written and mental arithmetic strategies, shape, money and place value. Primarily, this half term though, our key focus will be on understanding of number and place value. We will have frequent practice of times tables, and key number facts.</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>This first half term we will be studying Electricity and focussing on circuits and safety. After half term we will learning about Sound.</p>	
<p>PE / Swimming</p>	<p>3/4H's PE sessions will be on Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor). Please remember when the children have outdoor PE they will need long sleeved tops and tracksuit bottoms as the weather gets colder! Year 3 children will also be going swimming every Tuesday morning.</p>	

Computing	In computing, we will be learning how to programme an animated cartoon before half term, then after half term we will be learning how to fix and correct bugs in programmes.
Art and Design	Before half term we will be looking at Roman influences on local architecture then designing and creating Roman mosaics. We will also be designing our own Roman shields. After half term will be looking at how different mechanisms work in Design and Technology culminating in making our own Roman catapults!
Music/Drama	This will be linked with the topic on Romans by looking at the history of music and recreating scenes and sounds from the past.
Spanish	In 3/4H Spanish vocabulary will be integrated into our classroom and school routines during the week. We'll also have one Spanish session per week.

Homework

The children will bring home spellings and maths homework on a weekly. Each week the spellings will mostly focus on a specific spelling rule or pattern. On occasion, the spellings will be taken from the Year 3/4 spelling list. Please take the time to practise the spellings - it really does make a difference!

The more effort the children put into the homework is reflected in the amount of house points they receive each week. Learning log homework will be issued twice each half term. I can't wait to see their super-creative work!

I am available after school should you have anything you'd like to discuss with us. I'm really looking forward to a fantastic year with a great class.

Paul Hobbs