

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term ~ Year 5&6

Hello! A big welcome back to children and parents. As we start our new school year and adjust to the new normal, please utilize this newsletter to talk with your children about the learning in the classroom. Now, more than ever, it is vital to keep communications flowing to aid the children in their learning journey.

This term the children will undertake a project on **The Romans**. Parents, if you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic that may aid us in our learning intentions, we would love for you to share them.

In our **PROJECT** lessons, we will identify the period of time the Romans ruled as well as the various countries they conquered. We will investigate the impact the Romans had on Britain paying attention to both physical and human characteristics that still impact us today. We will play a part in a Roman legion, learning about battle tactics and strategy and how working as a team made the Roman army a force to be reckoned with.

In mathematics, much of our focus will be on number work, in particular place value and the four operations of calculation. Regular light assessments will take place to ensure children are on track and any misconceptions are addressed as soon as possible.

English learning will focus on writing balanced arguments, using our class text 'The Thieves of Osti'a' by Caroline Lawrence, exploring tourist guides and writing our own advertising Hadrian's Wall. We will imagine life as a Roman soldier and write diaries from the lonely forts 'protecting' Britain from the barbarians. We will be utilizing our class text to explore vocabulary and analyse it, infer information (read between the lines) and recover information. Personal opinions will be shared and discussed with reference to the text.

In science, we will be learning about properties and changes in materials. This will involve exploring everyday materials, looking at mixtures and solutions and carrying out a fair test involving some 'Roman' clothing.

The children will be forming a company, specifically more of a legion, as they will prove themselves as worthy to Emperor Hadrian himself.

PSHE will play a larger role this term, as we focus on physical and mental well-being, ensuring the children have tools to deal with some of the new emotions they may experience after an extended time away from a school environment.

In PE, the children will undertake various activities, led by MSP, to build up stamina and strength as well as rekindle playing as a team.

Kind regards, Mr. J Anderson and Mrs Higginson

Reminder:

- Please continue to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date on what is happening in school and in class.
- Please ensure that your children are reading regularly at home and encourage them to challenge themselves with different texts. Reading records will be reviewed every Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Please encourage children to interact with TT Rockstars and prodigy to maintain fluency in mathematics.

Messages:

P.E will take place on Wednesday; children are to attend school in their P.E kit, which will be worn all day.

Please **do not** bring P.E kits in as you would have done previously.

As we approach the autumn and winter months, please take this into consideration and dress them in warmer clothes.