

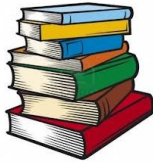
Daily reading

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

Reading every day gives children the much needed opportunity to practise reading with fluency and expression. It is also important to ask them lots of questions after reading so they develop their comprehension skills.

Please ensure **children** are logging their home reading in their reading diaries which will be checked in school weekly.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly, via the school office or the home diary.

Trips and WOW days

We have a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting things in the diary to look forward to. **Roman WOW day** will be **Monday 6th November**.

We will be having a **Roman Day** and ask that the children dress up as Roman citizens or

Gladiators. We'll also

be Going to the **Museum of London on Friday 10th November**, to discover more about Romans in Britain.



Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.history.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/history

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11

www.mathletics.co.uk



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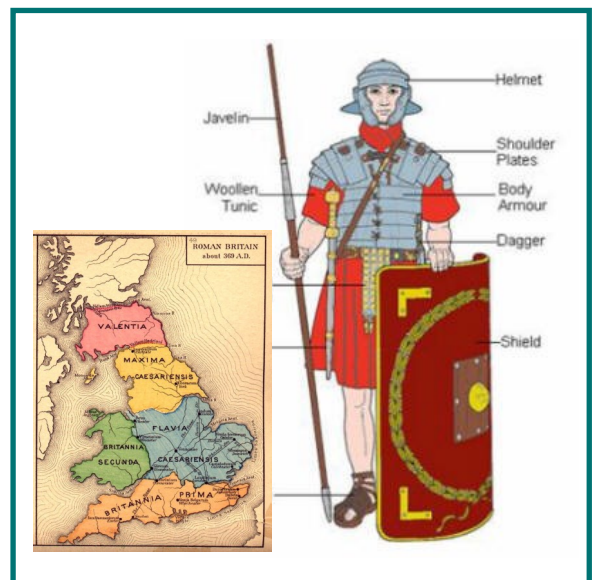
Welcome back to the autumn term!

We had a brilliant spring term with lots of great learning - thank you for all your support. We have a very exciting half term ahead of us!

If you would like to speak to us or if you wish to make an appointment please let us know.

This half term our topic is:

Roman Britain



We will be finding out about the Roman invasion of Britain and how the Romans changed Britain.

The library

Each class has a weekly 20 minute slot in the library. During this time they can return, renew and have new books issued to them. Books can be renewed for up to two weeks.

Year Four class' library slot is on **Thursday** half term so please encourage your child to bring in their library books on this day if they have finished them and wish to take out a new book.

Year 4 will also have access to the library during **Wednesday** lunchtimes however, this time is for quiet reading only so books cannot be returned or issued.



PE:

P.E will take place on **Tuesdays**.



It is essential that your child has their kit each week. A note will be sent home if your child does not have the correct PE kit. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their full PE kit.

Science

We will be learning about Animals including Humans, with a particular focus on nutrition. As a class we will be attempting to answer the following scientific questions.

- What happens to that piece of chocolate once you swallow it?
- Why would it not be sensible to eat a burger every day?
- What is the digestive system and why is it so important?
- How can you make a simple model, using junk material, to show how the digestive system works?
- Why is it important to brush your teeth each day?
- Why are sharks teeth different to our teeth?



Literacy

We will be using the text Arthur and the Golden Rope as inspiration for our writing. We will be;

- Writing our own myths based on stories from different ancient cultures/religions.
- Writing newspaper reports.
- Writing poetry.
- Writing to persuade.
- Plus various opportunities to develop speech and language through drama and art.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division.

The children will be spending a lot of time really getting to grips with these concepts to help them develop a level of mastery.



There will be a focus on learning our 8, 3 and 6 times tables by heart.



History

Our History Topic is: **Roman Britain**

We will be answer the following historical questions.

- What is it like to be invaded ?
- Who were the Romans and would they have enjoyed coming to Britain?
- Would you prefer to be a Gladiator or a Premiership footballer?
- What did the Romans do for us?
- How could you be as fit as a Roman?
- Why did the Romans need to build forts?
- Who was Boudica and why did she become so famous?
- Who were the famous Romans and what do we know about them?

Religious Education

In R.E. we will be discovering how Christians show their beliefs. We will be discovering how there are different kinds of Christians and how their beliefs may differ. We will also be looking at places of worship and the actions involved during worship.

Homework

Homework will now be fortnightly. The first lot of homework will go out on Friday 3rd of November to be returned two weeks later.

Children will also be completing spelling and multiplication tests in their homework books. We ask that you spend time reviewing these with the children.