

Were the Britons sad to see the Romans leave?

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn second half term



Welcome back ☺ I hope you all had a lovely half term break! I'm sure despite the wet weather you all managed to have fun and enjoy a rest with your families. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and building on the super start the children made last half term.

This term ...

This half term our topic has a history focus. Our enquiry question is 'Were the Britons sad to see the Romans leave?' We will be learning all about the Roman invasions, how the Britons reacted and learning about the impact and legacy the Romans had on Britain both in the past and today.

In art we will be linking our art work to the Romans and studying mosaics, the children will design and create their own mosaics.

In ICT we will be learning how to use word processing.

Our science topic will be focusing on the theme of sound and our enquiry question is 'Why is sound so special?' We will be learning how sounds are created, how they travel and investigating pitch and volume.

PE this half term will focus on the sport basketball.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with me. The dojo account is a brilliant tool to send messages, so please feel free to use it to send messages into school. I'm looking forward to sending lots of positive messages home about brilliant work. In the case of individual isolation, work will be uploaded to children's portfolios daily.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

MATHS This half term we begin with negative numbers and Roman numerals Progressing on to addition and subtraction and then units of work focusing on multiplication and . There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will be happening daily, this will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts. The children will have a daily times table test in Year 4 please help them to practice the times table they are working on.

ENGLISH Our new English text is Escape from Pompeii by Christina Ballitt. The story will help us develop knowledge of life for the Romans and the volcano Mount Vesuvius. In lessons we will develop both our reading and writing skills. The children will also have handwriting and spelling and grammar lessons throughout the week.

PE. Please ensure children come dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This term PE day will initially be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. If your child cannot take part, please send a note or dojo message. Then from week beginning **16.11.20** our days will be **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

HOMWORK –homework will be set weekly on Monday and needs to be returned the following Monday. They will each receive a piece of English and Maths homework. Some children may choose to use lunchtimes throughout the week to complete this in school. Please make sure your books are handed in on time as we mark together.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS

–Please return your books when you have read them, we will aim to change them as soon as we can. For the time being we will not be using reading records so please notify us on dojo if you want to let us know anything about their reading or the books. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.

CLASS DOJO Please ensure you are registered on class dojo, it enables us to keep in contact and share important notices and updates.