

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays. This half term we will be learning through topic work based on the Romans, which will provide the children with an opportunity to investigate the Roman times and the effect these settlers had on our present day lives.

Literacy	This term the children will be developing their writing of news reports with particular attention to the layout, as well as writing fairy tales with an alternative ending.
Numeracy	The children will be learning to read and interpret frequency tables and bar charts as well as concentrating on improving basic calculations methods and measuring skills.
PE	We will be learning about building general body fitness through dance and developing basic skills needed to play invasion games & tennis.
RE	Through our studies in RE we will be learning about the Sikh faith and that certain occasions are special and how they are celebrated.
Science	In class we will learn about how sound is created and travels through different substances.
Computing	The children will use a range of software packages to produce graphs and charts. Learn simple computer programming. They will also be using the internet to aid their historical research.
History	The class will be looking at life in Roman times, their customs, beliefs and legacies and comparing these to the present day.
Geography	We will be concluding our topic on general map/atlas reading and creating.
Music	In class time we will be using listening skills to compare and evaluate a range of musical genre. We will also be using tuned instruments to create our own melodic compositions.
Art	The children will be improving their sketching skills, looking carefully at the detail.
PSCHE	During this half term we will be sharing ideas about feelings and being special.
French	Our French vocabulary and language skills will be further developed by Madame Britten

Reading Folders: Please listen to your child read on a regular basis. There is a reading record diary in their folder that you can use to make any comments. We are trying to develop the skills of reading and understanding and to encourage this you could ask your child some of the following example questions:- Who is it about? What happens? What do you think will happen next? Where does the story take place? Which character do/don't you like? Why? Your child needs to make sure that they have their book with them every day as we will listen to them read, or they will read independently, at different times throughout the week.

Homework: Homework is provided as an extension to in-class learning and helps your child to consolidate their progress. Please ensure your child completes and returns any homework by Friday.

CHANGE OF P.E DAYS: Our last swimming session is on Tuesday 9th January. Therefore from week commencing 15th January, PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has suitable kit in school. All children will participate in PE lessons unless a note from a parent/carer is provided.

If you have any questions, or would like to help in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs A Hartley