



Year 5/6 2023 - 2024 SPRING TERM

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to a new school term!

Project

Our project for this term is a history topic 'The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain'. We are going to be learning about the legend of how Rome was founded, the Roman government and the Roman Empire geographically over time and the legacy of the Romans.

Reading

We will have daily quiet reading sessions, so please make sure children have their diaries and books in their bags **every day**. Lots of children in the Autumn have not been recording their reading and forgetting their diaries and books. Please, please, please wherever possible, read with your child everyday at home. It is the single thing which makes a MASSIVE difference to their confidence, achievement and ability to access learning in the classroom- even when they are in Year 5 and 6!

SMART

Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions. DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help fill any gaps. We will awarding certificates to children who are in the green zone on their DoodleLearning every Friday as an extra incentive to be SMART!

The children's Oddizzi login this year is hive56 and the password is the same. They can also use TT Rockstars to practise their timetables too.

Swimming

A few children will be continuing with swimming lessons- I will message you on Dojo if this is the case for your child. Everyone else has finished swimming lessons for this year. We do have the swimming gala on Friday 12th January, so those in the team will need their kit for a practice on Monday 8th January.

SATS

Year 6 will be having their SATS from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May 2024- absence will not be authorised so please do not book any holidays! I will issue a new letter for SATS clubs once I have sorted new groups after a new set of assessments.

Parent Consultations

These will be before half term for year 6 and in the same format as the Autumn. I'll let you know the dates as soon as they have been decided.

As always, if you ever have any concerns or worries, please contact me on Dojo or by email and we can arrange a meeting to sort things out, I would rather know sooner so we can find a solution to any problems.

Thank you,

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TERM: Discover

THEME: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

Links to vision:

We are God's children: exploring the world is a natural part of our human nature. We must embrace our longing to discover more.

KEY ENQUIRY QUESTION:

Is it ever acceptable to suspend important laws?

AUTHENTIC OUTCOME: create a historical re-enactment.

VISITS:

Colchester Castle

History

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Religious Education

1. Islam: How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?
2. Was Jesus the Messiah?

Diversity

Aurelian Moors- soldiers in Roman Army

Science

1. Forces
2. Living things and their habitats

Music

1. Composing and chords
2. Enjoying musical styles

PSHE

1. Dreams and goals
2. Healthy Me

English	<p>Fiction: Dum Spiro Classic narrative poetry Persuasion texts</p> <p>Plus weekly spellings, class reading comprehension and daily grammar and punctuation.</p>
Cross-curricular writing opportunities	Persuasive writing- why should Roman inventions be used and not discarded after they move areas.
Maths	<p>Ratio Algebra Decimals Fractions, decimals and percentages Area, perimeter and volume</p>
Art	<p>Collage Henry Matisse</p>
DT	structure: catapults, viaducts/aqueducts-working models
PE	<p>FMS Roman Dance</p>
Computing	<p>Digital Literacy: 3D modelling</p> <p>creating media, designing development, safety and security and effective use of tools.</p>
P4C	<p>Debates: Short term V Long term Individual V Community</p> <p>Philosophy of halves</p>
Links to other careers	<p>engineers Government accountancy town and city planner military plumbers Highway Agency Agricultural scientists</p>