

This Terms News

PE Days are Mondays and Fridays this term we will be doing netball, cricket and gymnastics

Please make sure your child has suitable trainers and something warm to wear for outdoor sessions. School kits will be washed regularly in school.

Homework will continue to be given out on a termly basis and will be linked to the topics we will be covering.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday night and children will be tested on these on a Friday.

As Scientists we will: Compare and group materials based on their properties. We will learn about solids, liquids and gasses along with reversible and irreversible changes.

We will apply this knowledge to consider how materials were used during the Roman era including: Lime- concrete/making ink from soot from a candle; Dissolving – use of lead to make wine which led to poisoning and separating – evaporating water from brine springs to make salt.

As Geographers we will: Be asking the questions Where do people settle? Why do people settle there? We will answer these questions identifying the human and physical features of the land. Use our knowledge acquired in History to track the journey of the Romans and the countries that they invaded. We will compare maps over time looking at maps from the period of History and maps from the current day. We will use maps, atlases, globes and digital resources to locate Britain and other countries that were invaded.

As Artists and Designers we will:

Research classical mosaics from the Roman era and consider the varying styles and interpret the images depicted on these. We will learn about the history of these and methods and tool and materials that were used during that time. We will then plan and create our very own ceramic mosaic.

As Authors and Readers we will:

Explore Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo looking at the archaic vocabulary and features. We will use role play and signifiers to rehearse a rewritten version of the story and eventually create our own versions from another characters perspective.

As Historians we will:

Consider the invaders and settlers of the Romans and Anglo-Saxons. Children will learn about the Roman and Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms including the place names and way of life for these communities. We will look at who ruled Britain and how it was divided into Kingdoms. Children will follow on from the Romans to study the Anglo-Saxons raids and invasion. They will consider the battles between the Saxons and the Vikings and look at the places they settled along with their way of life and their homes and culture.

As Musicians we will:

We will listen to The Battle by Hans Zimmer as a source of inspiration to learn how mood can be created through music. We shall then compose our own pieces of music to lead the soldiers into battle creating tension, suspense and drama.

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This term, our topic is ‘The rise and fall of an empire’ Please follow our exciting adventure on Facebook/Twitter.

As Mathematicians we will:

Use concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to support our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will deepen our understanding of equivalent fractions and finding fractions of amounts. As well as this, we will compare, order and as always solve lots of tricky problems!

Through PE we will:

Visit the Launchpad to complete our gymnastics lessons improving our balance, agility and co-ordination. We will also use fielding and batting skills to compete in an inter-class competition of cricket.