

Autumn 2020– Termly Topic Update

September 2020

We hope you had a tremendous summer! We are looking forward to a busy yet exciting year ahead. Just a few reminders:

- Children will need to bring their own healthy break time snack (fruit or vegetable only)
- Children will have weekly homework which will alternate between maths and English
- Children will have spellings every week and be expected to read at least 3 times a week at home
 - Children will need to come to school in their P.E kits on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are really excited about Year 4's topic this term... 'Ancient Rome'. The children will experience a range of exciting opportunities like designing and making a roman shield, learning the Roman army formations and making their own catapults.

Year 4 staff

Miss Loane
Mexico class

Miss Pearson
Morocco Class

Mr Newson
Miss Miles
Mr Cole
Mrs Price
PPA Cover

Miss Tolhurst
Mrs Taylor-Brown
Learning Support Assistants

English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres within our Roman topic, to include retrieving information from non-fiction texts to write a detailed report, writing an adventure story and a newspaper report.

Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to independently change their colour banded or 'free reader' books. Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home.

Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with numbers with up to 4 digits. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods will be used for addition and subtraction as well as consolidating mental strategies. Children will continue with their times table this year, however they will take the government's multiplication table check where they will need to know all of their tables up to 12x and be able to respond with an answer within 6 seconds. Any support you can give at home would greatly help.

Home Learning Rainbow Challenges

- XXX Make a musical instrument
- XXX Create and build your own Roman colosseum
- XXX Write a visitor guide to your country
- XXX When doing your daily exercise, listen to the sounds around you and try to recreate these sounds at home. Challenge: can you experiment with the volume and pitch?
- XXX Create your own times table poster
- XXX Create a Roman invasion scene

Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their outdoor P.E kit on both of these days. We will continue to complete the daily mile this year! Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back for safety reasons. The topics that will be covered this term are athletics and ball games such as hockey.

Autumn Term Key dates

Half Term
Week beginning 26th
October 2020

Last day of term
Friday 18th December 2020

As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.

Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.