

Home School Liaison

Rigby Summer Term 2021

Mrs Standrell, Mrs Djemai and Miss Carberry



Spring Term Focus Theme: Misty Mountains/The Roman Invasion

Literacy Focus: Information texts about the Romans

Recommended Websites: Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button, BBC Bitesize, Prodigy Maths

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Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

Reading & Writing: This term, the children will be reading lots of information texts about The Romans and how/when they invaded Britain. We will create detailed fact pages and information leaflets. We will also be writing our own historical narrative about Queen Boudicca and the Celts.

We will continue to read a range of texts at school and we will complete comprehension tasks and Guided Reading sessions to develop our vocabulary and our prediction, deduction and inference skills. We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read. The children will also have time provided to enjoy reading for pleasure. We will continue to have free choice books and we encourage all of the children to record their daily reading within their diaries.

Mathematics:

This term our focus will be-

Year 3: Fractions, Telling the Time, Properties of shapes and mass and capacity.

Year 4: Decimals, statistics, geometry, measurement (time/money).

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spelling: Spellings will be given out every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule, understand the meaning of these words and also be able to put these words into a sentence that makes sense. Please discuss the spelling rules and meanings of these new words. The children could also look them up the dictionary and use a thesaurus to find synonyms.

Times Tables:

By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their times tables to 12.

In June the Year 4 children will be tested on their times table knowledge.

All children should try to use Times Table Rock Stars daily, to secure their times table knowledge. They may also wish to play bingo games, chant their tables and think about the corresponding multiplication and division facts, linking new times tables facts to

	ones they are already confident with. E.g. Use your 2 times tables to help you with your 4 and 8 times tables.
RE: Are all churches the same?	In this unit we are going to explore the church in its widest sense. Ensure that we know that Christianity is a multi-cultural world-wide faith and explore the differences between denominations. We will further develop our understanding of places of worship from other faiths other than Christianity.
Computing: Aminations and effective searching Branching databases and simulations.	Computing will take place for Year 4 on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Standrell and on a Wednesday with Mrs Jenkinson in Year 3. This term, we will be completing units of work on animations and effective searching in Year 4. In Year 3 we will be completing units on branching databases and simulations.
Science:	Plants: We will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants. Exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth and how they vary from plant to plant. Investigating the way in which water is transported within plants. We will also explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal Electricity: We are going to identify common appliances that run on electricity. Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identify and name its basic parts. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit and recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit. We will also recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors
History: Pre-History units of work on The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age	Within our Literacy sessions, we will be continuing to learn about The Romans and how they invaded Britain. We will also write a historical narrative.
Geography:	We will be learning about the 7 summits and different mountain ranges. We will also learn about how mountains are formed, how volcanoes erupt, the water cycle, how challenging it is to climb mountains and also link our learning to map reading and our knowledge of the continents of the world.
Art & Design: Focus Artist:	Art & Design will take place with Mrs Djemai (Year 3) and Miss Carberry (Year 4). We will be using tones and shades to create pieces of artwork (Paintings) in the style of Albert Bierstadt and Nicholas Roerich. We will be creating landscape mountain scenes and we will also be using our developing sketching skills to create zen tangle diagrams of mountains. We will be exploring with different pencils and think about how and when we can use them to create our mountain scenes.

Design & Technology:	DT will take place with Mrs Djemai (Year 3) and Miss Carberry (Year 4). Wed will be creating Revolting Roman recipes and we will also have a Roman banquet! We will have the opportunity to design recipes and taste different (tasty!) foods that would have been eaten within the Roman times.
Music: Ukulele and glockenspiel	Music will take place on Friday for Year 3 with Miss Helm. The Year 3 children will be learning to play the glockenspiel this term. We will be learning about how to look after our instrument and simple notation and composition. Music will take place on Friday for Year 4, they will be learning to play the Ukulele. This will be taught by Mr Cairns.
PSHE: Why do we need to eat well and look after our teeth? Why should we keep active and sleep well?	PSHE sessions will be delivered by Mrs Djemai and Miss Carberry. We will be learning about the importance of a healthy diet and how to look after our teeth. We will then be learning about the importance of keeping active and why it is vital to get enough sleep. We will learn about how a lack of sleep can have a negative impact upon our health and emotions. We will also be thinking about our skills and personal targets and what we are looking forward to this term and our transitions into the next class in September.
PE:	PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday. Friday afternoon is taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership. Please remember your PE kits, including outdoor kits.
Theme Weeks/Days:	Topic Homework: See home learning homework grid.

Reminders:

PE: PE takes place on Thursday and Fridays. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. Please also include warm joggers, a hoody and a pair of trainers for outdoor activities. These items should please be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holidays to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate clothing as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue and grey.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. Rigby's class start time is 8.55am and finish time 3.25pm. **If your child is late then they must enter school via the school office.** Termly, 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last Assembly of term and at the Leaver's Assembly at the end of the school year.

Parking: Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

We are so glad to be all back together at school and we are going to have an amazing summer term together! We will have lots of fun and we have got lots of exciting activities planned.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

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