



Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the vouchers and gifts we received for Christmas. Secondly, we would also like to say thank you for your invaluable support in the Autumn Term. The children have approached every task with enthusiasm which we hope will continue into the Spring Term.

The following table gives a brief overview of what we aim to cover during the first half of the Spring Term. Please note that we will be learning about 'The Romans' and this will continue into the second half of the Spring Term as well.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Topic words (linked to Romans) High frequency words Looking at different prefixes such as 'sub', 'inter', 'super' and 'anti', and at suffixes including 'ation' and 'ous'.</p> <p>Grammar: Subordinate clauses Fronted adverbials Sentence openers Paragraphs Opinions and quotes</p> <p>Writing: Application letters to be a Roman soldier Motivational chants of a Roman soldier Diary of a Roman soldier Journalistic writing about events which may have taken place during the Roman times</p> <p>Reading: Please ensure that your child is reading every day and writing at least one thoughtful comment in their Reading Record each week.</p> <p>Handwriting: We will be continuing with our joined-up handwriting and be focussing on the size and orientation of letters.</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to use a range of punctuation in all of their work. We would like to encourage children to read a wide range of materials for pleasure, and to get in the habit of using a dictionary to check unfamiliar vocabulary. Even if your child is a fluent reader, we would recommend they continue to read aloud with expression, and discuss themes and conventions in their book.</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/sentences/read/1/ This website explains different types of sentences.</p> <p>Please support your child in presenting their homework neatly and taking pride in it; for example, underlining the title and date and using a black ink pen or a sharp pencil.</p>
Maths	<p>Column subtraction Fractions Roman numerals Angles and shapes Division and money Time Times tables</p>	<p>http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/ This website has links to lots of different fun games covering various aspects of Maths.</p>
Science	<p>Science linked to Romans and investigations Solids, liquids and gases</p>	
ICT	<p>Espresso Coding</p>	<p>The children can continue to write blogs at home and comment on each other's blogs. http://tetherdown-primary-school.i2webby.com/?page_id=7707</p>

History	The Romans	You may find this website useful when your child is completing topic homework: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primary/history/romans/ http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Romans.html
PE	Squash Fitness and body management	
DT/ ART	Roman art – a class collage using oil pastels Romans shields and helmets	
PSHE/ RE	How do people express their beliefs, identity and experience? Focusing on Romans and Christianity, and linking to other faiths and experiences.	
Music	Roman music for performance	

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.

Open Afternoon	Thursday 28 th January 2.45pm
Leopards Class Assembly	Friday 29 th January 9.05am
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 3 rd February 4-7pm
	Thursday 11 th February 4-7pm
Jaguars Class Assembly	Friday 24 th March 9.05am

Jaguars Assembly

With best wishes,

Jo Essex and Alix Hattenstone

Year 4 Class Teachers