



Year 4 Spring 2 Topic Letter

March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We cannot believe that we are already half way through the year! Thank you so much for the excellent standard of home learning that has come into school for the Roman Projects. We have been astonished at the quality, the range of presentation and the time taken to produce the projects.

We are going to be continuing with our Roman topic this half term where there will be a focus on writing a chapter story with a historical setting (Pompeii). We have just sent out the letter about our Roman trip so the children will also have that to look forward to along with the Roman day. Please see the key dates for this half term at the end of the letter!

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Words ending in 'le' change to 'ly' Words ending in 'ic' change to 'ally' Words ending in 'ure' Science vocabulary</p> <p>Grammar: Sentence openers, including fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses. Using paragraphs and a wider range of punctuation, particularly commas.</p> <p>Writing: A quest chapter story in a historical setting</p> <p>Reading: In their reading record they can include a prediction, a comment on a character and a reasoned opinion (using the word because.)</p> <p>Handwriting: Focusing on correct joining of letters</p>	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_gr_ammr/ Have a look at the BBC Bitesize website. This website has fun activities that the children can complete related to spelling, punctuation, paragraphs, sentences, verbs and adverbs and nouns and adjectives.</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 proper pen or a sharp pencil.</p>
Maths	<p>The four operations (column addition, column subtraction, grid method for multiplication and short division), applying the four operations to word problems, inverses, coordinates, symmetry.</p>	<p>http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/shapes/coordinates.html Have a look at this website for some coordinate games.</p>
Science	<p>Teeth and Nutrition</p> <p>In Science week we shall also be looking at what causes volcanoes, linking to Mount Vesuvius.</p>	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/teeth_eating/play/ We have already played this game in class, where the children were able to identify the different types of teeth and it also recognised the importance of having a balanced diet.</p>
ICT	Roman leaflets	
History	The Romans: Pompeii, Caesar	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/ http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Romans.html You may find these websites useful.</p>

		The London Museum has a great Roman section.
Music	Music for performance and the pentatonic scale	
French	The body	
PE	Tennis and hockey	
DT/ ART	Art related to their historical stories	
PSHE/ RE	Christianity –The Easter Story Belief, experience and identity	http://www.topmarks.co.uk/christianity/easter/easter.htm

Please ensure the children bring in **water bottles** every day, to keep them hydrated as they learn.

Dates for your diary

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March
 Jaguars Class Parents' Evening Wednesday 2nd & Tuesday 8th March
 Roman Day Thursday 10th March
Children can come to school dressed as Romans.

The Verulamium Museum Trip Friday 18th March
The letter has gone out so please make the voluntary contribution and given permission on Parent Pay.

Science Week 14th – 18th March 3.45-5.00pm
 Science Fest Tuesday 15th March (Green Floor)
 E-Safety Workshop Wednesday 23rd March 6.30-7.30pm
 Jaguar Class Assembly Thursday 24th March

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child during the term.

Thank you for all of your support.

With best wishes

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