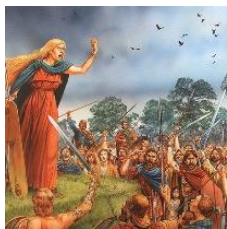




Year 4 Newsletter: Summer 2 – 2021

We Are Warriors – The Romans & Anglo Saxons



Welcome to the Summer 2 half term

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic Spring Bank break and managed to meet with family and friends in the glorious weather we had. It's difficult to believe that we are already coming to the end of this academic year and that the children will soon move on to Year 5. We wish the children well in Year 5. We are sure they will continue to impress us all with their Champion Learning and face any challenges that fall at their feet with the same determination and positivity that they have shown throughout this year. It has been a strange and at times challenging year, but we would like to thank you all for your support and kind messages throughout the year which have meant a lot to the whole team.

Our Learning Theme

This half term we will continue our exciting, We Are Warriors, theme. We will discover why the Romans left Britain and explore who invaded and settled in Britain after them.

Important Dates:

Sports fortnight - 5th-16th July
Walk and Picnic – Details & date TBC

Homework

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (the first one for this half term will be sent home on **Friday 11th April**). We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. In addition, please could you encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables either verbally or by using TT Rockstars online. The children will be reading in class every day, however we would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read at home too.

Learning Log

A Learning Log activity will be sent home on **Friday 11th April** for your child to complete over this half term. This half term's learning log should be returned to school by **Monday 19th July**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our We Are Warriors – Roman and Anglo Saxon theme.

PE Days

Thursday – Orienteering
Friday – Outdoor rounders
Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts).

Curriculum

English

In English our focus will be story telling. We will begin by looking at *The Whale*, an amazing picture book, which tells a tale of intrigue and courage before moving on to a story based on the Anglo Saxons. Spelling will continue to feature in all our lessons.

Maths

The children found working with decimal numbers a little challenging last half term, so we will be revisiting aspects of this work at the beginning of the half term. We will then continue with our money focus before moving on to time. Our time unit will focus on telling the time to 1 minute, using am and pm times and converting analogue to digital times and vice versa. We will also be converting between different units of time.

Science

In science we will be exploring electricity. We will identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple circuit, identify whether or not a lamp will light in a circuit, explore how a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit and recognise some common conductors and insulators.

Art & DT

This half term we will continue to work with Sharon on our Roman armour project. Once this is finished, we will be trying our hand at sculpting with clay.

Geography

In geography, we will be focussing on our geographical skills and field work. We will link this to our PE to cover the skills of using the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references and symbols and keys on maps.

History

During this half term, we will investigate why the Anglo Saxons invaded and how we know where they settled? We will learn about the Staffordshire hoard and become detectives when we look into the mystery of the Sutton Hoo bodiless ship burial and what this tells us about the lives of the Anglo Saxons.

Other:

The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday mornings. In RE we will be exploring Christianity and asking 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?' 'Growing and Changing' will be our theme for PHSE this half term. We will identify parts of the body that males and females have in common and those that are different, explore why puberty happens and how the onset of puberty can have emotional as well as physical impact, discover that periods are a normal part of puberty for girls and learn the key facts of the menstrual cycle.

Year Four Team

Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault, Mrs Morrison & Miss Heaps
Fiennes Class- Miss Jacklin, Mrs Mowbray, & Mr Hutchinson
Mrs Thakker will be working across both classes teaching French.
Sharon Snaylam will work with both classes teaching art.

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