



Week beginning: Monday 22nd January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A quick reminder that Forest Schools starts this Thursday (25th) for Y3 children. Arrangements for this have been covered in a separate letter – but they will need to come to school in sturdy outdoor clothing and to bring a packed lunch. Y4 children will be undertaking a special cross-curriculum project in school with Miss Shemmans.

Our science topic this half term is human biology – more specifically, the skeleton and muscles. Ultimately, we will be linking our science to our Romans topic by designing a fitness regime for a Roman soldier. Watch this space...

Literacy - Genre ~ Newspapers

Building on what we have learnt about the eruption of Vesuvius from our fiction reading, we will be branching out into the world of journalism to report on this devastating event. Before we write, of course, we will be reading examples of this genre to familiarise ourselves with the language style, features and structure of this type of text.

Maths – multiplication and division

This week we continue our unit of work on multiplication and division, progressing from mental strategies to formal written methods. Understanding of the concepts will be supported with physical resources and diagrams. Reasoning and problem-solving activities will be interwoven throughout.

Home learning

Literacy

Each week the children have spellings to learn. These are handed out on a Friday and tested the following week – generally Thursday, but depending on other events in any given week.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Their reading book and reading journal (to record their reading) should travel to and from home/ school each day.

Maths

MyMaths – new home learning is now set up to appear each week.

Mental Maths Target for the first half term – times tables. Again, we will use an Olympic challenge approach so the children progress through different levels as they grow more confident. The National Curriculum sets the expectation that all children should be fluent with tables to 12x12 by the end of Y4. Please check with your child which stage they are on and support them with practice at home -speedy and accurate recall of x-tables will greatly support your child with our work on written multiplication and division.

Kind regards, Sarah Pooley