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Link Up Herons class - Summer 1, 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Easter holidays. I hope that you had a good rest and you are ready for the Summer Term!

'Rocking Romans' is our topic for this term, and the children have already begun to find out how the Roman Empire spread throughout Europe. In particular we will be focussing on the Roman invasion of Britain and the impact their culture had; we will be covering areas such as Hadrian's Wall, Roman roads, Roman religion and of course Boudicca's rebellion! If you have anything at home you think could be useful in our 'Rocking Romans' class display, please let me know.

Our Art and DT work will also be linked to our Romans topic - on a Tuesday afternoon, the children will be working on mosaics and we will also be designing and making our own mini Roman chariots.

Our Literacy topics will also be 'Romans' themed. For the first few weeks we will be reading and analysing Roman myths, before going on to write our own. In the later part of the term we will be looking at journalistic writing, and in particular a publication called 'The Roman Times'!

In Science, our learning will be all about living things and classification keys. We will also be finding out how environments can change and that living things can be affected by this.

This term, the children will have PE with Mr Morton on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure their kit is in school for this. On a Friday afternoon, the children will be going swimming with myself, Mrs Strong and Mrs Clutton. **Please make sure swimming kits are present and correct on a Friday to avoid disappointment!**

In RE our focus for this half-term will be Judaism. In Geography, will be learning about locating world countries using maps and linking this to our History work on the Roman Empire.

Homework

Reading - Your child should be reading at home everyday. This term, I am having a big push on our 'Accelerated Reader' system - this is where the children take quizzes on their home readers to gain points towards an individualised target, with the ultimate aim of helping to improve their comprehension skills.

Every time your child scores 100% on a quiz they will get a sticker on our special chart in class, and when they have 10 stickers they will receive a small prize. In addition, if they meet their half-termly target they will be given a crown to put on their photograph on our reading display!

I would be very grateful if you could support me with this by asking your child how they are getting on with their quizzes at school and how close they are to achieving their target.

Maths and Literacy - Maths and English homework will be given out each Friday, and needs to be handed in the following Wednesday. Homework will be linked to what we have covered in class that week.

Spellings - Spellings are sent home on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Tables - The times table that your child is currently working on is sent home to practice in the homework pack and will be tested during the following week.

In Year 3 and 4 we are aiming to become more independent. However, please ensure that your child understands what they need to do in the task and offer them support if required. It would be appreciated if you could inform me, by way of a note on the homework, of any help given.

I am always happy to chat to parents and carers, so if you have any questions regarding the information in the letter or any other school related issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Goulbourne