**Herons Link-Up – Summer 2019**

Hello and welcome back to the third and final term of the year! I hope you have all had a very relaxing Easter break and are ready for a busy new term.

Our topic for this term is ‘Rocking Romans’. We will be learning about the Roman Invasion of Britain, in addition to exploring Roman roads, Boudicca’s rebellion, religious beliefs, entertainment and more!

Our Art and DT this term will also be linked to our topic. During the first half term, children will have the opportunity to build their own Roman catapult. After May half term, the children will be working on their pottery skills to replicate a piece of Roman pottery and also design and create their own Roman mosaic.

During Literacy and Language, Year 4 will begin the term looking at a playscript, set in Vietnam. By the end of the unit, they will be writing an ending for a new play based on a well-known traditional tale. As their non-fiction focus, children will be developing their ability to evaluate evidence. Year 3 will continue to be taught by Miss Farquhar. They will be exploring traditional tales, with a focus on Beauty and the Beast and as part of their non-fiction will be learning about instructions. Outside of Literacy and Language, children will continue to have additional Literacy lessons. During this time, they will have opportunities to explore a range of text types, before planning and writing a new version. Many of these genres will link to what we have been learning as part of our topic and Science.

In Science, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats. Throughout this topic, there will be opportunities for outdoor learning. Children will use classification keys to help group and identify a variety of living things. They will also recognise that environments can change, and that this potentially poses a danger to living things.

This term the children have PE on a Wednesday afternoon with me. They will need their **outdoor** PE kit. On a Friday afternoon, children will have their swimming lessons – starting on the 10th May. **Please make sure they have their correct swimming kit on these days!** On the weeks that we do not go swimming, please make sure your child has their outdoor PE kit available.

In RE this term, our focus will be Judaism.

Mrs Smith will continue to take the children for PPA on a Tuesday afternoon. This half-term she will be teaching them History and Music. After half-term in Geography, the children will be locating countries on a map in Europe.

**Homework**

This term, your child’s homework will be slightly different. They will be given one ‘project’ homework, which they will have the half-term to complete. This will need to be completed and handed in by the last week of the half-term (week beginning 20th May and 15th July).

In addition to this, each week the children will be given a Grammar sheet that needs to be completed and brought back to school by the following Wednesday **at the latest.**

Spellings and times tables will go home each week. Please ensure your child returns their booklets, so that we are able to check that they are completing their homework and what they might need further help with. Times table tests will be held on a Wednesday, and Spelling tests on a Thursday.

Your child should be reading regularly at home. Please ensure their reading record is written in so that we know they are reading. If your child reads 3 times in a week and this is shown in their reading record, their name will be entered once into the weekly reading raffle, where they have the chance to win a book of their choice. If your child reads more than 3 times in a week, their name will be entered twice.

In addition, when listening to your child read, please ensure that they understand what they have read by asking them a couple of questions each time, as this will help them when they quiz on their Accelerated Reader book.

If you wish to discuss or share any further information please do not hesitate to book an appointment with me through the school office or speak to me after school. Equally, if there are ever *any* concerns, questions or clarifications needed, I am only ever a phone call or email away.

Best wishes,

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