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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful half term holiday and are looking forward to the lead up to Christmas!

This half term we will be studying:

Topic: The Romans.

We will continue to examine what it was like to live in Roman Britain. We will consider who the Romans were, the Roman invasion of Britain, Hadrian's Wall, who Boudicca was, Roman mosaics the impact of the Romans and Roman Gods.



Geography.

We will be studying Maps and identifying the British Isles, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom. We will locate the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn and cities in the UK. We will also learn about the countries that make up the European Union.

English

We will be looking at story setting and characters, persuasive writing including letters, newspapers reports, poetry and information texts. We will emphasise the need to use a range of punctuation (including: commas, exclamation marks, brackets, and apostrophes and ellipses); paragraphs and complex and descriptive sentences in their writing. We will also be learning how to use adverbs and fronted adverbials in our writing.

There will be daily spelling and SPAG lessons. We will also be continuing to concentrate on our spellings and will be learning how to use the spelling rules for sion, ssion, tion, cian and ough. Please see the word list, sent out previously, for this terms spellings.

Please encourage your child with their writing and to read at home for at least 15 minutes daily as part of their homework; questioning them to check that they have understood what they have read.

Mathematics

This term we will be learning how to solve problems using addition and subtraction; measurement (length and perimeter); multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving skills. Please support your child with his/her calculation skills and continue to encourage your child to learn the key addition/subtraction facts, times tables facts and with learning to tell the time.

Times Tables

Children should already be fluent in knowing the following times tables: x2, x5, x10 and x3, x4, x9,

This year, we will be learning our x6, x7, x8, x11 and x12 tables

By the end of the Year children in Year 4 should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Science

As part of our topic on 'States of Matter', pupils will be learning how to:

- Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

RE

This term we will be learning about the Trinity and the symbolism of water in Christianity. We will explore different types of baptisms and how this was portrayed in the Bible.



Computer Science

This term our topic is '**Keeping Safe Online**'. This topic will culminate in producing a leaflet for younger children.

Homework

Monday: **Spelling test**. Homework due in.

Tuesday: New spellings sent home.

Thursday: Homework sent home.

P.E.

Thursday: Indoor PE –Dance (Mrs Abbott)

Friday: Outdoor PE – Tennis at Tides (Mrs Theaker)

Long hair should be tied back and **earrings removed** for PE. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit. Children will need suitable trainers for PE, a warm jumper and jogging bottoms, especially as the weather worsens. School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note to let us know, otherwise we will expect a child to take part.

We would like to remind children that jewellery (other than a wristwatch) and nail varnish are not permitted. Please ensure that all items of clothing including hats, scarves, gloves, coats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to remember:

19 December – Last day of Term

3 January – INSET Day (no children at school)

4 January – Children return to school

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do come and see us at the end of the day if you have any queries or concerns about your child this term. We look forward to continuing to work together this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dawn Theaker, Mrs Jennie Abbott and Mrs Clugston

