



Dear Families,

The best learning takes place when the context is meaningful and made real to the child's own life. We hope that by sharing our aims, you and your family will support your child's learning in any way you can.

If you have any skill, resources or knowledge that you can contribute and share with us at school, please see your child's class teacher.

MATHS

This term we will be consolidating our understanding of multiplication and division. We will then be moving on to Length and Perimeter, where children will gain a secure understanding of millimetres, centimetres and metre as well as understanding what is meant by perimeter and how to work out the perimeter of a given shape.

English

In English, we will be reading '*Pied Piper of Hamelin*' by Michael Morpurgo. This story will help us create descriptive settings which use powerful vocabulary. We will use our inference skills to infer characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, ensuring we justify our inferences with evidence. We will also be reading '*The Tear Thief*' by Carol Ann Duffy. This book of poetry will help develop our ability to read aloud and perform by showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

RE

Our focus this term will be Judaism Beliefs and practices.

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PE

This term our Basketball skills will be developing so that we can apply them to a simple game.

DT

We will be learning about mechanisms with a focus on levers.

PSHCE

We will be learning about how to develop positive relationships with our peers.

Science

Our Topic this term will be Magnets and Forces. We will investigate magnets and observe how magnets attract and repel. We will explore the property of magnetism and compare and group materials accordingly. We will carry out experiments while remembering the importance of 'fair' testing.

Computing

We will be using Scratch to learn how to identify and correct resource bugs. Children will be doing this by exploring scripts and learning how to spot and correct performance bugs.

MUSIC

This term we will be learning how to play the recorder. We will learn how to read notes on a staff and play them on the recorder. We hope to even compose simple rhythms and record them with graphic and conventional notation.

History

We will be starting an exciting topic all about the Roman Empire! We will be learning about significant Roman emperors and figures during history, the invasion of Britain and the impact the Romans had on Britain.

Emperors and Empires

Salve! This term we will be learning about the Roman's occupation in Britain we will discover how their genius engineering and construction created some iconic walls, forts and building that remain standing today. We will learn about the importance of religion and the beliefs in Gods. We will also have the opportunity to dress up as a Roman citizen in participate in our Roman day.

Help your child prepare for their project

Why not try to do some of these activities to prepare you for the topic?

With your child, find a picture of a Roman soldier. Print the image then label their clothing and armour.

Visit the Roman Vindolanda Fort & Museum website to find out about artefacts and tablets found at Vindolanda, near Hadrian's Wall. Explore the website to gather information and organise your findings in a Vindolanda knowledge organiser.

The Romans worshiped many different gods. Find out about these gods and write a short profile about each one - Jupiter, Diana, Pluto, Mars or Juno.

By AD 410, Roman troops had left Britain and returned to Rome. Find out about the impact of the Roman withdrawal and write a short descriptive account, blog or presentation to explain what happened.