



Blue Class - Autumn Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the Autumn Term - I hope that you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term. If there are any aspects of your child's learning that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to your continued support.

Mrs White & Mrs Norris

English

Our book for the term is: Horrible Histories-The Rotten Romans, which is a non-fiction book. Therefore we will focus on non-fiction writing pieces such as: chronology and non-chronological reports, news boards and diary entries. We will then look at fiction writing pieces based on Roman myths and legends and creating our own Roman stories. We will also be covering Year 3 and Year 4 grammar in detail, in line with the new curriculum expectations.

How you can help - Reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on in our English sessions. Please encourage your child to read with you at home regularly and ask them to tell you about what they have read. Spelling and grammar is fundamental to progress in writing and we would appreciate your support in helping your children learn their weekly spellings.

Maths



Our learning will cover place value, number, rounding, roman numerals and mental calculations moving onto written calculations. We will be applying our knowledge to different types of questions in order to improve the children's reasoning skills. We will be spending lots of time solving word problems linked to our learning.

How you can help - Confidently knowing times tables can help the children in many areas of mathematics. We strongly believe that children would benefit from regular practice to ensure efficient recall of multiplication facts and their corresponding division facts.

Topic



Our topics this term will include:

- The Romans including Roman Britain
- Forces and Magnets
- Electricity
- The Bible
- Diwali

The children will also have weekly Computing, PSHE, Music, Values and Spanish lessons.

Homework



The children will receive homework once a week on a Thursday. These consist of a maths piece and a comprehension piece of work. Both pieces of homework are due back on the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be handed out on Monday and the spelling test will be carried out on the Friday of that week.

Times tables will be tested weekly on a Friday.

How you can help - Parents can be supportive by reading with their children on a regular basis and practising spelling and times tables with them.

PE



PE will consist of a range of outdoor and indoor activities, including: African Dance and Invaders Football. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor PE kit and are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing for colder weather. Please help your child to remember their kit. PE will be: Outdoor- Thursday & Indoor- Tuesday