



GLADIATORS

MATHS

This half term we will be looking at Fractions and Decimals before returning to our measurement topic to cover Capacity, Temperature, Money and Time. As a recap, using our knowledge from the year so far will be put into practice once more in our Science, History and Geography topics. We will be continuing to recap the Four Operations regularly through Morning Challenges and where they link with the topics.

ENGLISH

The Romans History topic will form the dominant part of our English lessons for this half term. We will take in historical stories, adventure, information leaflets and even poetry. Escape from Pompeii will be one of the texts on which the children base their adventure alongside the story of Romulus and Remus as a legend in the history of the formation of the Roman Empire. We will be incorporating and recapping SPaG within these activities.

PHONICS AND READING

This half term Year 2 will be continuing their phonics journey completing the Phase 5 alternative sounds and moving into Phase 6.

We are reading with each child at least once a week and reading as much as possible at home is recommended in order to consolidate progress.

Guided Reading will be taking on a carousel form with each group given an assigned text which will vary in genre and will include related texts from Fiction Express. This will combine comprehension exercises, SPaG activities and this term each reading group will be allocated their own individual reading time.

HANDWRITING AND SPaG

Handwriting will be a continuous focus with practice being encouraged following returned work - with focussed personalised targets. Whole-class handwriting will have frequent input as children become more secure and continue working on joining their writing.

SPaG will be taught as part of English lessons, forming part of the current unit of work, with further focus on new concepts in specific sessions as we encounter them in the curriculum. Alongside continually reinforcing basic sentence structure we will also be recapping apostrophe use, uses of commas and fronted adverbials and looking more in depth at suffixes.

Spellings are now being set on Spelling Shed as well as in Spelling books and all children have been given their login details if they wish to practice online.

RE AND PSHE

Class 2 will be focussing on Islam for their lessons this term - The Year 2 topic questions are 'What do people say about God?' and 'How might beliefs about creation affect the way people treat the world?' - LKS2 are looking at 'How should we live our lives?' and 'Why do Muslims fast during Ramadhan?'. PSHE will be following the Heart Smart topic No Way Through Isn't True - building resilience and finding a way.

GEOGRAPHY

This half-term year 2 will be looking at fieldwork and making simple maps linking to our Romans topic. Year 3/4 will use the Pompeii link to learn about Earthquakes and Volcanoes using digital maps and atlases to identify places that are prone to earthquakes.

MUSIC

We will continue listening to live recordings of various styles of music this half term. Our recorder playing has moved into learning about pitch notation as well as the rhythmic aspect and we hope to have a performance for you to listen to soon. We will continue to develop our performance skills through singing the songs from the BBC Teach Romans subject which will reinforce learning about history as well as perfecting ensemble skills.

SCIENCE

Our science topics for Year 2 and LKS2 will be intertwined with the Romans theme. Looking at materials is the year 2 focus, and we look at designing tents for Roman soldiers that are suitable for the conditions. LKS2 are looking at teeth and the digestive system which will link in with how the Romans lived and what kind of diet ate.

ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Class 2 will be enjoying making many of the different artefacts associated with the Romans. They will look at the structure, design and composition of mosaics, collages and even be designing their own defensive armour. As part of their science topic, Year 2 will be looking in more specific detail at tent structures and how to stabilize and modify to make them stronger.

COMPUTING

Continuing our Internet Safety lessons as part of PSHE this term we will be making sure we are applying this to our lessons. Year 2 will be working on the Programming element of the curriculum, using Scratch Jnr to program basic quizzes. LKS2 will be looking at Vector Drawing and using different techniques to create and manipulate their own drawings.

PE

PE will continue on a Tuesday and Outdoor Games/Racquet Sports will be this term's subject. On a Wednesday morning our class will be having a Yoga session in the morning and so PE kits will be needed - PE kits can remain in school for the duration of the term. It is not the turn of our class for forest School this half term and so they will not need Forest School attire on a Wednesday.

SPANISH

Our Spanish topic for Spring 2 will be The Classroom. We will be learning about the objects and things we find in our classroom and be finding out classroom instructions in Spanish too.

HELP AT HOME

HOMEWORK - Work relating to the learning that has taken place that week, will be set in homework books each Friday and to be returned the following Friday. The work will allow pupils to consolidate what they have learnt and apply this in an independent environment.

SPELLING - Spellings will be set in spelling books and on Spelling Shed each Friday to be practised for the weekly Friday Spelling Test.

TIMES TABLES - all children now have access to Times Table Rockstars to practise their given tables. A test will be taken each Friday morning to assess their progress.

LOGINS - children have all now been given logins relevant to the work they are set. These will allow them a different medium in which to hone their skills at home. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are missing any of the logins they require.