



# Summer Term - Curriculum Newsletter

## English

### Speaking and Listening

The children will be encouraged to speak articulately and use a wide range of vocabulary whilst talking. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to work in groups to develop their speech and language skills.

### Reading

Over the course of this term, the children in year 5 will be exposed to different types of literature including fictions and non-fiction texts. We will be focusing upon developing children's prediction, inference and retrieval skills along with exposing them to new vocabulary. Our chosen books are: Street Child and The Mystery of the London Eye.

### Writing

This term, the children will be focusing upon narratives, information texts, personal projects, persuasive speeches and poetry. The children will be given the opportunity to widen their vocabulary, develop their grammar skills such as using fronted adverbials, using inverted commas and using conjunctions to extend their sentences.

### Maths

The Maths we will be covering this term are fractions, converting units and angles.

Our topic for the summer term is "Ancient Rome". During this topic we will be focusing on the following subjects: History, DT and Art.

We will be learning about the following things: the founding of Rome, the Roman ruling system, the expansion of the Roman Empire, Boudicca's rebellion, the fall of the Roman Empire and the legacy of the Romans.

### History:

In History, we will explore primary and secondary sources to develop an understanding of the Roman Empire, its growth and legacy.

### DT:

In DT, we will create our own 3D Roman soldier shields and helmets as well as bake our own Roman bread.

### Art:

In Art, the children will create their own Roman inspired mosaics, design and make their own Roman coins and portraits of significant Roman figures.

In this topic we will be using the following vocabulary, if possible please talk about these words at home to ensure your child has good understanding of their meaning:

Celts, citizen, conquest, conquered, emperor, empire, legion, rebellion, Roman Empire, Roman General, tribe.

Parents and carers will be invited to view the children's 'Ancient Rome' inspired art exhibition towards the end of the summer term.

### Science

Our Science topics for this term are, 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Properties and Changes of Materials'.

The topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats' will see the children look at the life cycles of different animals, the life process of reproduction and make comparisons between different animal groups.

Later, through 'Properties and Changes of Materials' the children will carry out a range of experiments where they will develop an understanding of how the properties of materials can change and that those changes can be reversible or irreversible.

### PSHE/Peacemakers

In Peacemakers, we will have a lot of discussions and peace circles looking at gender identity, relationships with others, respecting the beliefs of others, the benefits of living in a diverse community, the impact of spending decisions on others and the environment, money management and the disparity in wages in different sectors.

### PE

During P.E, we will be focusing upon team games and athletics.

P.E takes place on a Thursday and children will be required to come to school wearing their PE kits.

PE is a compulsory subject and participation is mandatory. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kits every Thursday. A Paganel PE kit consists of: a white t-shirt, a pair of blue/black shorts/joggers and a pair of PE pumps/black trainers (no brands).

### RE

This term will see the children looking at being temperate, exercising self-discipline and cultivating serene contentment. The children will also learn about the importance of being accountable for their own choices and actions and how to live with integrity.

### French

This term will see the children will look at holiday destinations and rooms/places within the home. The children will be able to explain where they are going on holiday and the activities that they will participate in on their holidays.

### Homework

A homework grid is attached to this letter. We ask that your child choose one activity to complete weekly. We ask that homework is handed in every Friday. It is important to note that some activities will require the use of the internet, we ask that your child is supervised and supported during online research to ensure that they are accessing the internet safely. If you are struggling with accessing resources to complete homework let us know and we'll help you where we can.

We also ask that you are reading with your child at least three times a week. Even 5 - 10 minutes of reading at home can really make a difference in their learning.

Key Dates PE is on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kits on this day and that their PE kit is in line with the school's uniform policy.