



STJB Rowan Class

Summer 2018

Rampaging Romans

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer term here in Rowan class. I am pleased to be teaching the children for the coming term and have lots of exciting learning ahead. We will be engrossed in our topic of the Rampaging Romans and will be looking forward to visiting Bignor Roman Villa on Tuesday May 22nd. The children have already begun researching many aspects of Roman life and are busily producing information leaflets to display. Our investigations will continue to take us into the realms of invasions, Hadrian's wall, Boudicca, beliefs, mathematics, inventions, roads, Gods and Goddesses, as well as some Roman art.

Through our historical topic, the children will be covering many aspects of the curriculum. In English, we are looking at the features of fictional and non-fictional writing, instructional writing, recounts and poetry.

In Maths, we will continue to learn and embed a whole host of arithmetic skills, reasoning and knowledge of number, multiplication and division. We will also be focussing more on fractions, geometry, measurement and statistics for the remainder of the term.

For our Religious Education curriculum, we will continue to look at the subject of 'Salvation' for the first half of the term. For the remaining weeks, we will begin to question 'What is it like to follow God?'

In Science, we will be studying various aspects of Animals and Humans. We will be exploring nutrition, different skeletons, the names of bones, the different muscles and their functions.

Through our art work, we will be exploring the idea of designing and dying fabric before embroidering this with a Roman motif. I'm sure these will challenge us but should result in something incredibly stunning.

In Computing, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of how to use various Windows programmes including Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint. We are aiming to make individual PowerPoint presentations about our topic. We will also look at the coding programme of Scratch to create an educational game.

During our Open Futures sessions, this half term, Rowan class will be taking part in the gardening strand, we will be exploring how plants grow and what they need to survive with the children. Some of these sessions will involve working in the outdoor learning environment. Cooking will also be a feature throughout the term, so you can look forward to tasting many Roman recipes!

In the first half term, in P.E., Rowan Class will be practising their Country dancing and Maypole dance ready to show at the Summer Revels—Saturday 9th June. After half term, the children will be swimming and playing games that develop their athletic and striking and fielding skills. Sports day will soon be upon us so we are working hard to improve our skills and to achieve our very best. All great fun! Full PE kits should be in school at all times, but essentially on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please note the days have changed from the previous term.

Homework will continue in the same fashion as last term with a bi-weekly SaCaWaC, focussed on a spelling pattern with some year 3 common exception words. These are words which do not follow the common phonetic spelling rules of the language, or where the usual rules act in an unusual way. Children have a list of these words which they are expected to learn to read and spell by the end of this year in primary school.

So let us enjoy this term together with so many great learning opportunities that have been planned for. Let us all work together to make the progress we know we can.

I hope the children enjoy the above curriculum, which provides the vehicle for many learning skills, knowledge and concepts. If you have any questions or queries about anything that would further help your child, then please either email me using the school office address or make an appointment before or after school so we can talk together. Thank you Miss Charlotte Moss