



STJB Holly Class

Summer 2018

Rampaging Romans

Dear Parents,

Summer term is here already. Where did that time go? We are currently unfolding to the children the topic based on the Rampaging Romans. We are all looking forward to visiting Bignor Roman Villa on Tuesday May 22nd. The children have already researched many aspects of the Romans for their Easter homework. Our investigations will continue to take us into the realms of architecture, beliefs, mathematics, inventions, roads, towns and the many features of 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, discursive writing and explanatory texts.

In Maths, we will continue to learn and embed a whole host of arithmetic skills, reasoning and knowledge of number, measurement, time, statistics and shape and space. We will be focussing more on applying these to problem solving situations in order to practise these proficiencies across the curriculum and in real life situations.

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 investigate the Miracles of Jesus, so if you need any praying for, then Holly Class are the ones to ask!

In Science, we will be studying various aspects of Animals and Humans. Themes such as the digestive system, muscles and the skeleton and how we change over the years as Humans. Year 5 will also be having sessions within the 'Sex and Relationship Education' part of the curriculum, which is about puberty and respecting their bodies. A more detailed letter will follow.

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 Mr. John Cumming

Our artistic talents will be challenged through making intricate mosaic designs of the Romans. Children will be dying materials with natural dyes and then embroidering this fabric with some of the complex patterns. The final outcome will be amazing!

In Computing, the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of how to use various Window' programmes including Word, Excel and PowerPoint beyond the basics. We will also look at the coding programmes of Scratch and Kodu, some of which will be led by some pupils who showed an aptitude in the Friday afternoon Code Club.

During our Open Futures sessions, this half term, Holly class will be taking part in the Philosophy for Children aspect with Mrs Stoner. In the second half of the term, the children will study the strand of Science, incorporating learning from the outdoor space. 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., Holly 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 practise 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.

One of the major features of this term for Year 5 will be the ultra-exciting School production, which will be auditioned for very soon. The dates for the shows will be 10th and 11th July at 6:30pm, so have these free in your diaries.

Homework will focus on learning number bonds and multiplication tables, spelling and reading comprehension. Following the homework survey, I have made a few changes to incorporate some of the suggestions that were made.

So the term is spread out before us—so many great learning opportunities that have been planned for, and by the children. Let us hope the sun shines as we work together to have fun and to make that progress that we are all determined to make.