

English: What we are learning:

For this term we have been looking at poetry, stories with a familiar setting and play scripts.

Key Learning Objectives:

- To use basic grammar and punctuation correctly, such as capital letters and full stops!
- To include imagery and personification in writing.
- To vary sentence openers and sentence lengths.
- To use commas correctly to separate subordinate and main clause.
- To learn the different verb tenses confidently

Things to work on at home:

- Encourage reading of different types of genres – could they read different myths and legends, factual books, newspapers?
- Encourage writing at home – could they write a news report on an event at home, a poem, an exciting story and then they could bring it into school!

Mathematics: What we are learning:

This term we have been looking at place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, shape and Problem solving skills

Key Learning Objectives:

- To know all of the times tables – we will have short daily tests.
- To revise addition and subtraction column methods using larger numbers
- To be confident in understanding of maths vocabulary in problem solving.
- To be able to count on and back to 2 decimal places

Things to work on at home:

- Times tables – it is so important that they know all of their tables – You can extend this by adding in division facts.
- Problem solving using the different math vocabulary. For example – what is the difference in price between the chocolate bar and the crisps?

Topic – The Romans

- We have been thinking about how the Romans invaded and settled in the country.
- We looked at the life and the battles of Boudicca. The children were surprised by the fact that she was a woman and she was a leader who challenged the powerful Romans.
- After a discussion about how the Romans moved around the country, we discussed the types of roads and how they were built.
- We finished off the half term looking at the life of a Roman soldier.
- The trip to the museum was very interesting. They learnt about life in a Roman town.
- After half term we are going to look at this in more detail and also think about Roman Gods and Goddesses.

Useful websites

There are a number of excellent websites with links to maths games on the internet which will help reinforce learning. Try some of the links below:

- [Times tables games](#)
- junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm
- [Woodlands junior school Kent has many useful sections that can help.](#)

A great English website is [The Literacy Shed](#)

There are many high quality poetry sites that you can look at or you can simply enjoy the breadth of the BBC site – Bitesize is very useful for all aspects of learning.

You can also go to our School Website ‘How to help your child’ under ‘Parents’ Section for more ideas.

Science: What we are learning:

In Science we have been learning about forces in Year 4 and Light in Year 5. We have started by focussing on skills of writing up Science experiments. The children have been very interested in the fact that these skills are tricky. We have tried to challenge their ideas by making them think like a Scientist and question everything. Any help /discussion you can have with your child will be greatly received.

Other information:

All of the Homework will be handed out to your children on a Monday to be returned by that Friday. The work will be explained to them on the Monday. However, when it comes to doing the work, if there is difficulty, please stop and send them into school to ask for more help.

Please make sure that reading happens every day. I will collect the reading records in every Friday and award house points for those children who have read. There will be extra house points awarded for parents who have signed the homework diary!

PE/Games will be on Monday and Thursday. Please could your child bring their kit into school on a Monday each week. Regularly we have unscheduled games lessons, so it is useful to have their kit in school all of the time.

HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FOR YOU TO ENJOY...

Road Safety Workshop, Celebrating World Values Day, visiting Reading Museum to learn more about the Romans



