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Primary 4 Term 1 Newsletter

It has been a very busy term so far, with the children settling in really well to routines and their new classroom. The two classes have come together beautifully from last year and we wouldn't even know they had ever been separate! We are about to come to the end of the swimming block and the whole class have been a credit to you with their wonderful attitude walking to and from and at the pool. We look forward to the busy few weeks ahead!

Literacy

Reading is off to a good start and the children are working well both reading in groups and working on their comprehension skills. We will be focusing on our ability to find information in a text and this will be put to good use in our Romans topic research. This will help us continue to learn note-taking skills. We will also be listening to clips about the Romans and using this to take notes under headings which we will use in a variety of ways, including making models and a short talk.

In Writing, each week, we will try different genres which are linked to our topic. We will be reporting on a Roman battle, putting ourselves in the shoes of a Roman soldier to write a diary entry and improving our descriptive writing of a setting as we learn about Roman Villas. Spelling continues on a weekly basis and this will be a mix of learning new patterns and rules and also focusing on common words.

Health & Wellbeing

As a whole school, we continue to work on the Building Resilience programme. We will be following Skipper on the River of Life as he navigates and helps us to understand ways to cope with challenges along the way. We will also be working on Friendships, what makes a good friend and how to develop positive relationships with other people. PE is currently on a Thursday but this may change again when swimming finishes- we will keep you informed of any changes.

Numeracy and Maths

After focusing on place value, we are moving on to addition and subtraction strategies in Numeracy, which we will use to solve multi-step word problems. We will also look at a written method of addition. We will be continuing to develop our quick mental maths skills with our Basic Maths Facts games and Sumdog.

In Maths, our focus is Money and also 2D and 3D shape. We will be learning about properties and nets of 3D shapes and also creating symmetrical designs.

IDL- Learning across the Curriculum

This term we are very excited to be continuing to learn about the Romans. We look forward to using this as our stimulus for Writing, Art, STEM and Social Studies tasks throughout this topic. We have also been looking at other world religions and festivals such as Diwali and will revisit the Christmas story in the lead up to the big day!

Additional Information

- Miss Ball will continue to take the class on a Monday morning on a fortnightly basis.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.
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