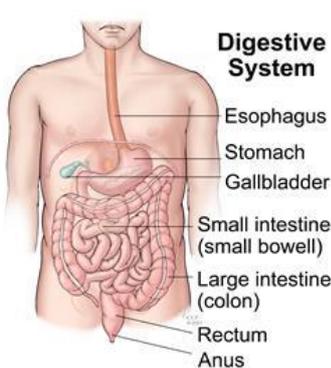


Year 4 Newsletter Term 1

Digestive system & Rocking Romans!

This term, our topic is The Digestive System & Rocking Romans! Ruby and Maroon will take on the role of historians to investigate England's rich history of invaders, settlers and Roman daily life.



English

In our English lessons, we will be learning how to write Kenning poems about animals.

We will be reading the traditional tale, 'The Pied Piper' and retelling the story focusing on the use of descriptive language. Also, we will be reading 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters' a story set in Africa

We will develop our cursive handwriting and work on common spelling patterns.



Maths

In Maths, we will be learning to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number, round numbers to the nearest 10 and order numbers with up to four digits. In addition, we will learn mental and formal methods for addition and subtraction with up to four digits. We will continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills, using specific mathematical language.

Each day, we will practise our timetables using Times Table Rockstars.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the Digestive System; naming organs and their role in the process of digesting food. We will investigate teeth and identify their functions. Linked to this, we will also learn about different food chains.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be History. We will be finding out about when and how the Romans invaded Britain, the names of the places they settled and how Romans lived their day to day lives. In order to develop our questioning skills, we will be looking at artefacts. To bring history to life, we will be taking part in a Roman immersive learning experience.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for football and gymnastics. Both classes will have P.E. every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). **Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.**

In order to maximise learning time, children will not change back into their school uniform after their P.E lesson. The children will bring their school uniform home with them and will need to return it ready for their next P.E lesson. If you need your child to change back into their school uniform, please see their class teacher.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practising times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4, when they will be taking the new multiplication tables check. Please support your child in working towards this.

Dates for the diary:

- **Tuesday 24th September 2019:** Coffee morning 9:15
- **Wednesday 18th September 2019:** Roman workshop (in class)
- **Wednesday 16th October 2019:** Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7:00pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Jen Hardy and Colette La Touche (Maroon Class) and Aysha Howell (Ruby Class)

For Term 1, we are planning a Roman learning experience which will help the children to learn about Roman life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place.

Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks