

Dragonfly Class

April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 5 and we hope you have had a restful break.

Topic

This term, we will be starting our new topic: Emperors and Empires. Your child will learn about the growth and decline of the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. They will discover the absolute power of the Roman emperors and study the hierarchies of Roman society and the Roman army. They will study the first invasions of Britain in 55 and 54 BC and the Roman conquest of Britain in AD 43. They will learn about Boudicca's rebellion, Hadrian's Wall and the Romanisation of Britain, including how Christianity came to Britain and investigate the legacy of Roman Britain in their local area.

English

In English, your child will be reading the class novel "The Goose Guards" by Terry Deary and answering comprehension questions linked to this. In Term 5, your child will be learning about the Roman Emperors and using this knowledge to write a biography about the life of their chosen Emperor. In addition, your child will be writing a letter to a family member or friend about life in Roman times with a focus on jobs and what it was like at home. In Term 6, they will learn about Roman Myths. Using this knowledge and what they will have learnt in Term 5, they will be developing their own Roman Myth based around Gods that may teach a lesson or explain a historical event. When learning about grammar and punctuation in Term 5, they will learn about the possessive apostrophe, verbs and tenses and how to include these in their everyday writing. In Term 6, they will use settings, characters, plot and direct speech. Your child will also have daily spelling/ phonics lessons and continue to work on the Nesy computer program at least twice a week.

Maths

During Term 5, your child will finish their unit on fractions and move on to learning about decimals, including tenths and hundredths. They will then move on to dividing a whole number by ten and one hundred. Your child will be learning about money including converting pounds and pence and adding and subtracting money. They will then learn about time and how to tell the time to the minute as

well as reading a digital clock and becoming confident with the use of time vocabulary i.e. days, months, years. In term 6, your child will learn about shape including, angles, shape symmetry and how to accurately draw 2D shapes. Following this they will move on to statistics with a focus on how to interpret graphs and tables. They will finish the term by looking at position and direction using coordinates.

Science

During Terms 5 and 6, your child will be learning about Plant Nutrition and Reproduction. Your child will learn to link plant structure to function and identify plant parts associated with water transport and reproduction. They will build on prior learning, naming and describing the function of different parts of flowering plants, including the roots, stems, leaves and flowers. Your child will observe fibrous roots and taproots and investigate how water and nutrients are transported in plants. Your child will create the life cycle of a flowering plant and learn the parts and functions of flower parts. They will ask scientific questions about pollination and research to find the answers. They will learn about seed formation and dispersal and identify how the structure of seeds aid dispersal.

RE

In Term 5 and 6 our learning question will be: "What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?" Your child will learn about how Hindus show their faith and their beliefs in God. They will then consider how what life is like for Hindus in Britain.

Reading and Home Learning

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's reading and home learning. We always look forward to seeing what your children have created during the week.

Your child will continue to receive a staged reading book this term. This will be sent home on a **Friday** and needs to be returned to school on the following **Wednesday**. It is important that your child reads daily so that they are able to make as much progress as possible. Please fill their reading record in at home to show the reading your child has completed. Do let us know if they have enjoyed the book. We do also like hearing about any other books they have been reading at home.

Maths homework will continue to be set via the MyMaths website on a Friday. Your child's login is stuck into their homework book.

Your child will also receive a new homework grid this term, linked to our topic. Please choose one task to complete each week.

P.E.

This term, PE will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes in to school on those days in a full PE kit. This includes dark blue or black jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and their school jumper with trainers. As the weather warms up, your child may want to wear PE shorts. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons, therefore they need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the morning before school.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need to contact me at any point, please email me at t.donoghue@teynham.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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