



Blue Jays



Newsletter Term 4

The Romans

The topic for this term in Blue Jays is 'The Romans'. We will be looking at the way England changed under the rule of the Romans. Furthermore, we will be investigating the Celts and Boudicca's rebellion against the invading Romans. We will be learning about the way people lived including the types of clothes they wore and what they ate. There is also the opportunity for us to have a Roman experience morning which will allow us to touch and feel real Roman artefacts!

English

This term in English we will be learning a multitude of different skills. We will focus on mastering the skills from previous years so that we can use them effectively in our writing. We will also be investigating different ways to start our sentences using words ending in -ly and -ing.

Children will continue to have opportunities to borrow books from the library and receive books from our Reading Rebels scheme. We ask for your support to listen to your child read. When reading, please take time to ask questions about the book read: What characters were in the story? Which words did the author use to describe the characters or settings? In an information book, what features can you spot? (Contents, index, glossary, subtitles, diagrams, etc.)

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term and be displayed on the website. Children will be tested on these words on Friday. It is important that your children are able to spell these words and even more importantly use these spellings in their independent writing.

Brain Builders

Brain Builders are sent home on a Friday and support the learning in class. There is also the expectation that Brain Builders are completed to a high standard. Please return Brain Builders by Wednesday to allow time to share them with the class and for them to be marked!

Maths

By the end of year 4, pupils are expected to recall their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. Work on this at home is hugely appreciated as it will boost your child's progress in all areas of their Maths.

We are continuing our work on fractions and will be linking this with percentages and decimals too. We will look at how using the Bar Model can help us to solve word problems by visualising them and as our topic is Romans, we will be looking at Roman Numerals.

Things to have in school

Please send your child with a water bottle- it is shown that water and being hydrated can help concentration!!

Support

If you would like any support and guidance to support your child's learning please feel free to come and speak to Mr Watts.