

Year 4 Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

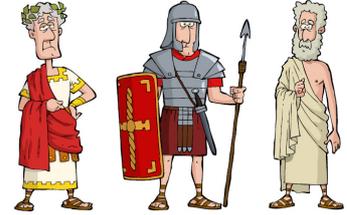
What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

Topic

Our topic for the Autumn Term 1 is 'The Romans'. This will include:

- History – *Did the Romans make Britain better?* We will be learning about lots of different aspects of the Romans including how and why they invaded Britain and how the Roman Empire grew and eventually fell apart. We will also have a visit from a historian who works at the Chertsey Museum and a Roman Wow Day which we will provide you with more information on closer to the date.
- Art – Roman mosaics through printing and sculpting Roman artefacts.



Numeracy

We will be developing our knowledge of place value, multiplication, division, length and area and frequency tables and pictograms.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on fairy tales. Children will be learning about the features of a newspaper report to write their own report on a fairy tale. They will also be writing their own play scripts to a fairy tale and be exploring different poetic features in poems from 'Once upon a Poem'. The children will have many speaking & listening opportunities and writing tasks.

Science

We will be investigating the topic 'states of matter'

ICT

This term we will be using Espresso which will give the children the opportunity to create their own computer games.

DT

We will be designing and making Roman villas out of recyclable materials – any contributions of cardboards boxes, kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

PE

This term we will be learning different gymnastic and dance skills.

PSHE

We will be learning about new beginnings.

RE

This term we will be learning about how the Christian faith is expressed through worship

Music

We will be learning about 'Painting with Sound'.

Home Learning

Year 4 children are expected to complete approximately 1 ½ hours of home learning per week. This time is made up through a mixture of the following.

Daily reading - It is important that your child reads each day at home and that an adult hears them read. They should read for at least 10 minutes and a signature and comment should be made in their contact book about how they got on.

Times Tables – Your child will receive a specific times table to learn which will be tested every week.

Home learning research - Home learning vastly benefits and adds to the children’s learning inside the classroom, and we strongly encourage children to fully participate. For every new topic we will provide a list of different activities or research opportunities for your child to complete, however if you can produce an alternative piece of research/artwork at home then this will also be appreciated.

Maths - This homework will be given out on a Thursday and expected to be handed in on the following Wednesday, homework is received online. To access this from home, visit www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Each week, homework will be recorded in your child’s home school contact book. Once completed a record of your child’s score will be made next to it to inform you of their score and progress.

Every piece of homework your child completes will earn them a sticker towards the next wristband (25 stickers = bronze, 50 stickers = silver, 75 stickers = gold).

If your child does not have access to the internet at home, a homework club will be available for them during lunchtimes on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesday between 12:00-12:30 in the ICT Suite. If your child is unable to complete their maths homework at home, please inform your child’s teacher.

Home/School Contact

All children should have a book bag in which to carry their reading book and homework. We ask that you stay in contact on a daily basis through our home/school contact book. This book should be used as a reading record and handed in to the class teacher on a daily basis; every time your child reads they will receive a sticker which will contribute towards a reward in class.

Behaviour

We have an Assertive Discipline Behaviour Policy at Stanwell Fields which lays down very clearly for each child the behaviour which is expected and the rewards which will be given. We have a new behaviour system whereby all children begin on the sunshine, one warning means they move down to the white cloud, another warning moves them down to the grey cloud (which means time out in another classroom) and another warning moves them down to the grey cloud with lightening which results in a detention. Alternatively, if a child shows outstanding behaviour they will move up from the sunshine to the rainbow. This year we have introduced the ‘rainbow star’ this is for exceptional consistent behavior if a child goes onto the rainbow star their parents/careers will receive a Superstar note. If a child receives a detention, you will be informed either in the playground after school or by phone the same day.

Our Golden Rule at Stanwell Fields is ‘Respect’, which applies to every aspect of school life.

Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
Royal blue sweatshirt	Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
White school shirt or polo shirt	White school shirt or polo shirt
Black or grey socks	Blue and white school dress in summer

Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.

Please ensure all uniform is named. Mislaidd items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this.

PE

Both classes will have PE on Wednesday afternoons. Lions have PE on Tuesday mornings and Tigers have PE on Thursday mornings. Once per half term, every year group has an afternoon of Sports Focus where an external sporting company comes into school to teach specialised sports lessons.

Parent Support in School

If any parents would like to offer some of their time and volunteer in school then please speak to the office and ask for a CRB form.

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time every day. Your child's target for attendance is 95%.

We thank you very much in advance for your support and co-operation this academic year.

Miss K Everett
Tigers' class

Miss S Pross
Lions' class