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Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we trust you all had a good holiday. This is a relatively short term of six weeks, then the half term break, followed by six weeks, which takes us up to the Easter holiday, which begins on Monday April 6th.

Our main topic this term is history based. It will all be about the Romans. This will include finding out about how people lived and the main events and facts about this period. Many subjects such as DT and art will be incorporated into these areas. Alongside this, in science, year 5 and 6 will be looking at materials and their properties and light and year 3 and 4 will be looking at rocks and soils as well as materials and their properties. PSHE focuses on friendship and Computing will focus on being safe online. Music will focus on instrumental tuition. Year 4 will have 10 weeks of tuition on toots and doods provided by Essex Music services and year 3, 5 and 6 will be focusing on beginning to play the glockenspiel.

In Literacy, we will be looking at all types of writing. To start with, we will be looking at biographies and moving on to explanation texts and stories. Basic skills, including handwriting, spelling and sentence work continue to be taught. Reading is very important and we will encourage the children to read as often as possible. We would like children to read for pleasure and choose a range of authors to engage with. AR reader also continues and you are able to track your child's progress through emails you should be receiving. We will be focusing a lot on comprehension skills and looking at ways to improve these skills through Reading in the Moment. Talking about books and questioning your child about what they are reading really helps with these skills.

In Numeracy, we shall continue to work on the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and the other areas of maths such as shape, measure and statistics. We continue to expect the children to learn their times tables and basic number facts. Please be aware that the current year 4 children will be sitting the national times table test in June. Those children who are confident and know their tables at speed are doing particularly well with the arithmetic work, which is being set.

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Year 6 will be continuing to work towards their SATS which they will sit in May. This timetable shows you when the tests will be completed.

Test	Date
English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (20 minutes)	Monday 11th May
English reading test Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)	Tuesday 12th May
Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	Wednesday 13th May
Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)	Thursday 14th May

Homework (year 3-5) including reading continues to be set based on class work. The new grid is attached to this letter. It covers a range of subjects and activities along the theme of the Romans. As time is quite short, we would encourage children to complete one activity to a good standard.

As before, children will take part in sessions of PE each week. Please ensure that a PE kit is kept in school every day. Trainers are advised for outdoor PE sessions and plimsolls for indoor PE sessions. It is advisable to provide a warm tracksuit of any colour at this time of year. Please make sure all items are named. Earrings must not be worn for PE and this is in line with the Essex policy.

If you require any additional information about this terms work, please contact the school office or your child's teacher. We look forward to a very busy term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Warnes/Mrs Wainwright
Key Stage 2 phase leaders

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