



Welcome to Spring Term in Class 2!

PE and swimming

Our PE sessions this term are on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. We have Ben on Wednesdays and Lucy on Thursdays. PE kits can be kept at school and taken home on Thursdays.

Class 2 will also be going swimming with Class 1 from next week. We are going Monday to Thursday **19th-22nd January** and again Monday to Thursday from **2nd - 5th February**.

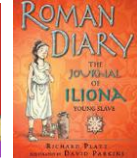
Topics and Themes

Our topic this term is:



With our inquiry question being:

Why did the Romans settle in Britain?



We will be looking at the spread of the Roman Empire out of Italy and Explain what was important to people in Ancient Rome. We'll find out the meaning of the words 'empire', 'invasion' and 'settlement' and analyse the different reasons for the Roman invasion of Britain. We'll also find out how the Celts responded to the Roman invasion, whilst also explaining how the Roman army's structure, discipline and equipment made it so successful.

In maths this term, the Year 2s have started their topic on money, whilst the Year 3s continue with multiplication and division. Year 2s will then move onto their multiplication and division unit, whilst the Year 3s have a look at length and perimeter.

In Science, we're investigating forces. We'll find out about contact and non-contact forces, as well as conduct experiments on friction and magnets.

In RE, the question we are looking at is 'How did/does Jesus change lives?'

Homework

Spellings

RWI spellings will be stuck in Spelling books every Friday, tests for children on the 5 day programme are on Fridays, however children on the 3 day programme will be tested on different days every week. As more children graduate from RWI, you will see a difference in the children's spellings. They will be stuck into their Reading Journals every Monday, ready to practise for the test on Friday. Once children have graduated from RWI, Rainbow Spellings will also be introduced. These can also be practised at home, with the opportunity to be tested on these each half term.

Book bags and reading

Book bags should be brought into school **every day**. We encourage children to read a book three times with an adult that is recorded in their Reading Journals before swapping to help with their fluency and expression. Children on the RWI programme will bring home a book level below the level they are reading in school. This will support children to build on their fluency, confidence and expression. Children reading Gold level books and beyond only have to read the book once.

Other homework will still be set on Fridays, it will be due in the following Thursday.

Targets

Before Christmas, you will have seen that your child has a reading, writing and maths target stuck in their Reading Journal. We will be working on these targets in school, however if you would like to work on these at home it would be greatly appreciated. Further targets will be shared at the next Parents Evening.

Dates for your diary can be found on the school website!

