



Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2018

Welcome

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This is going to be an exciting term with lots of activities planned for the children. We will be taking advantage of the lovely weather by bringing the learning outside where possible. It is important to keep the children safe in the sun at this time and would recommend your child wears sunscreen on hot days and drink plenty of water. School has water bottles available for sale.

We know that children learn better if they are well hydrated so we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. There are no cups available in school therefore it is essential that they have a water bottle with a sports cap. These can be bought from the office for £1 or you are welcome to provide your own.

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Home Activities

- ☺ Support and encourage your Child's home reading.
- ☺ Ensure homework is completed.
- ☺ Talk to your child about what they are learning in school.
- ☺ Visit school website and suggested websites, Apps and activities.

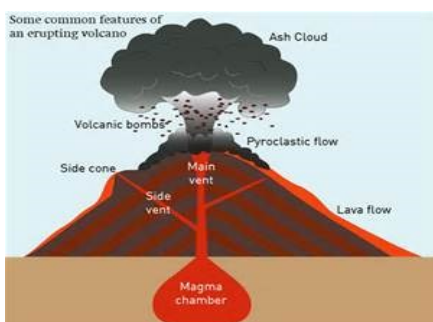
First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Year 4 will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion in May. This is a very special time for our children and it will be great to be there to support them and their families representing our school during this time. Please keep our families and children in our prayers during this special time.



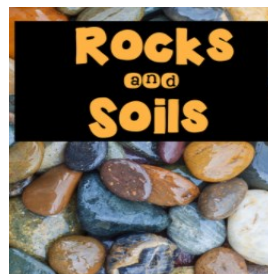
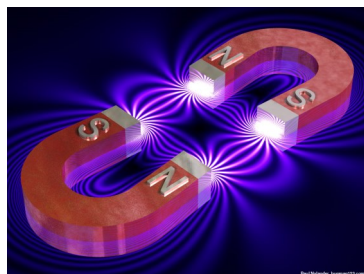
Topics

As part of our new Roman topic, we are looking forward to experiencing a day in the life of a Roman at the Chester Dewa Centre. We will be focusing on developing the children's historical knowledge and enquiry skills. We will also be exploring what makes the earth angry, such as volcanoes and tsunamis. These topics will be planned by the children themselves and will be led by their interests. They will study the power of the Earth, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains and the water cycle. Followed by a river and location study, looking at settlements, land use, economic activity, natural resources and water supplies.



Science

There will be lots of exciting things happening around Science during the summer term. We will investigate the topics of animals including humans, rocks and forces. We look forward to studying ourselves and other animals, magnets and other forces and rocks and minerals. We are also very excited for Science week which will be packed full of opportunities for the children to work scientifically.



Cursive Handwriting -Letter Join

As you may already be aware, one of our main targets for this year is to improve the quality of the children's handwriting and overall presentation. The children are taking part in daily handwriting sessions and will also receive handwriting as part of their weekly homework. Once your child is consistently using the correct style and formation, they will have the chance to earn a pen licence.

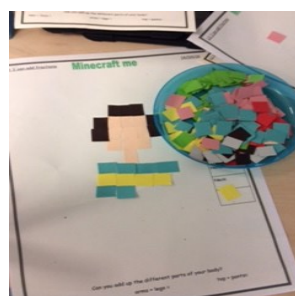
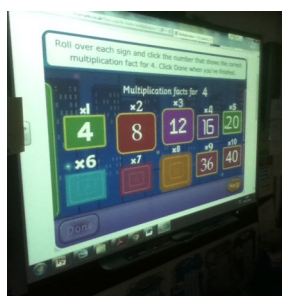
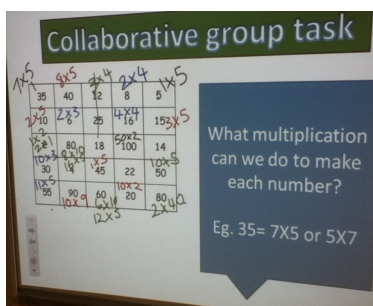
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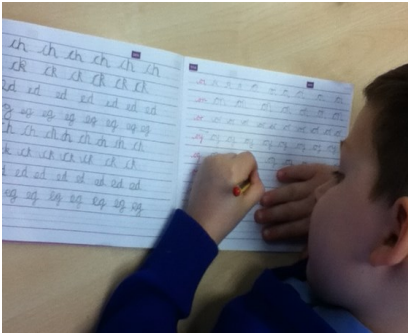
Maths

This term we are working hard to consolidate Basic Skills in Maths. They will also be completing their work on fractions, shape, measurement and statistics (use of bar charts, line graphs).

To support children's understanding of mathematical concepts, we will use a range of visual, practical and interactive resources. It is vital that the children keep practicing their times tables as by the end of year 4 children are expected to know all the times tables up to 12.

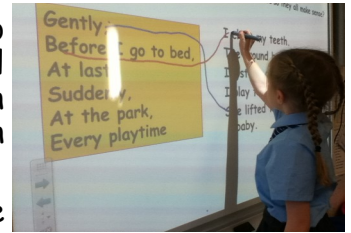


Literacy



Year 3 and 4 are looking at strategies to improve the quality of writing. There will be a high focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling and children editing their own work through editing stations.

Our literacy genres will be: performance poetry, mystery and adventure stories and 'dialogue and plays'.




We would be grateful for any support you could give your child at home with ensuring the basic skills are there. Please see your child's teacher if you would like any additional homework activities.

Reading for Pleasure

Reading for pleasure is a real focus in our school, with opportunities for reading for pleasure every day with books from our beautiful library area, e-books and magazines. Children are encouraged to share their favourite books from home in our 'RFP' time on Fridays.

It is really important that the children are encouraged to read for pleasure at home too and that they regularly change their library and home reader book too. Thank you to those parents who read with their children every night. If your child reads anything at home, please just write a line in their reading record book to let us know.

**Copper reading Challenge**

While you are reading the copper book band, don't forget to include these books in your library choice...

- A book which was made into a film.
- A book with non-human characters.
- A book with a one word title.
- A book set in a different country.
- A book with more than 100 words.
- A book published in the past three years.
- A book with a number in the title.
- A funny book.

If you're not sure what to read with your child at home, please see your child's class teacher or look at the website under the Reading tab, there are book recommendations from the children and quite a lot of information on there to guide you. Please don't forget, you are welcome to come and change your child's book any Monday, Thursday or Friday morning from 9-9:30am.

Also if you have the opportunity over the term take a visit to a Library, the children will have access to thousands of books and can even join an e-library, all free of charge.

As our Christmas and Easter reading initiatives were such a success, for our next reading initiative we have compiled reading challenges for each book band the children are currently reading. Please check your child's reading folder in the next few days for more information. If you would like to hear children read in school, we desperately need some reading volunteers so if you are interested in this opportunity, please speak to Mrs Burns.

Homework Activities

Homework is set on a **Friday** and will be expected the following week. The homework task is explained in class, and will generally be an activity to consolidate learning. Please encourage your child to check that they understand what they need to do on a Friday, and bring it back into school on Monday to ask a teacher if they are unsure.

PE

It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday, in case we need to change the timetable to make the most of opportunities a change of clothes is required!

For health and safety reasons, it is important that all children wear the **correct clothing** for PE.



Uniform

The children must wear the correct school uniform at all times including ties and appropriate footwear. Suitable summer uniform for the girls is a summer dress and blue cardigan; for the boys a short sleeve shirt, with a tie and shorts. Coloured trainers are not acceptable, they must be black shoes or trainers.

Mrs Sergeant has asked that we remind parents, that acrylic nails, nail tips and nail varnish are not allowed in school, in line with our Health and Safety practices. The wearing of false nails can also prevent the correct grip on pens and pencils which impacts on the progress of children's handwriting.

Keeping Safe Online

In order to keep your child safe online please supervise and monitor the content of the websites they are using. Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe. You

can also use parental controls on social networks, online games and browsers and on both hardware and software that can filter or monitor what your child can see. Please have a look at the E-Safety page on our website. A great site is the Think you know one, with lots of help for anyone who is concerned .
www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Dates for your diary

May Bank holiday: 7th May
Holy Communion; WB 8th May
Test week—WB 21st May
Half Term: Friday 25th May-Monday 11th June
Dewa Centre Roman trip : Friday 6th July
Optional Parents Evening : Tuesday 10th July
End of term; Friday 20th July

Useful Websites and Apps

Spelling Apps

Rocket Speller
Hairy Words
Spelling Monsters
Vocabulary Spelling City
Word Tangle
SpellMania
Bitsboard



Websites:

www.oliprimaryschool.co.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
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