



Welcome back to school Owls! This half term our main topic focus is The Romans and their importance to Britain. We will be covering this topic with a cross-curricular approach, really delving into the life of a Roman and how they affected Britain.

English- we will be beginning our focus by looking at and writing short narratives, looking at producing adventurous and imaginative pieces of writing.

Spelling – Children will be grouped for spelling once a week on a Monday, again taught by either Mr Bishop, Mrs Tingey or Miss Gaught. The children will receive a list of spellings to stick into their diaries Mondays and can practise on a daily basis in their diaries. Please encourage your children to do this at home regularly in order to improve.

Maths- All children will be allocated into a Maths group, rather than their home class. They will be taught by either Mr Bishop, Mrs Evans/Mrs Tingey or Miss Gaught. All groups will begin the academic year by focusing on Place Value.

Times tables are a KEY focus for Year 3 and 4 as the Year 4's sit a times table assessment towards the end of the year. Please encourage children to recite and practise these, including division factors.

Science- This half termly Science topic is Rocks. Children will explore the properties and types of rocks, moving into identifying fossils and exploring soil.

Topic/Art/DT – As stated above, our first termly topic is the Romans. The children will explore and locate where the Romans were based, learn about the history of key events and discover what life was like for different society members during the Roman era.

PE – Lessons will be on a Thursday and Friday. However, please can you ensure children bring in appropriate winter PE kits (coloured t shirt based on their family group, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers) on Monday and have them leave it at school for the whole week in case of timetable changes. We will be going swimming after October half term.

Homework – Homework will be given out on Tuesdays (when applicable) and will be expected to be returned and handed in the following Tuesday. Any children that are unable to complete the homework or require additional help, can attend a homework club held by a member of staff every Wednesday lunchtime.

Reading – As the children are in Key Stage 2, it is expected that they read at home for a minimum of 10 minutes, as part of their homework, on a daily basis. As well as this, the children will be reading in school daily a book aimed at their reading ability and complete quizzes on what they have read using our 'Accelerated Reader' scheme. Please ensure their reading books and diaries are brought in every day and are signed as these will be checked regularly. If these could be kept in a Ziploc wallet to prevent the books getting damaged it would be appreciated.