

### Reading Books

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books are changed twice a week on Mondays and Fridays only if the parents have signed to say that their child has completed the book. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers. Please read with your child on a daily basis and write your comments in their reading record books.

### PE

Ibn Abbas - Wednesday pm  
Bint Abee Bakr - Wednesday am

PE is taught by a PE specialist. **Please ensure your child has his/her full P.E. kit at school at all times.** Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery in school. Thank you.

### Punctuality/Appointments

Please try to avoid booking any appointments during school time. Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid a late mark in the register and missing any work.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day



Olive School

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring (2) 2019



## Romans

### The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We will begin the term by looking at non-chronological reports with our topic 'Romans'. We will then write non-chronological reports about nocturnal animals.
- **Handwriting** - Children will be practising their handwriting skills using the cursive style.
- **Numeracy** - We will be focussing on multiplication and division, statistics, length, mass, addition and subtraction, number and the number system.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this half term is 'Electricity and an introduction to astronomy'. In this unit children will explore which materials conduct electricity and they will use these to create circuits. They will then learn about the solar system, its contents and the orbits of the Moon, Earth and Sun.
- **Topic** - This half term, our topic is 'Romans'. Children will be introduced to the idea that people from other societies have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. They consider the effects of the invasion and settlement of the Romans on Britain.
- **Computing** - This half term, we will complete our unit 'We are astronauts' which will involve programming a sprite (such as a spaceship) to move around the screen.
- **Art** - We will start our unit 'Mother nature designer'. Children will explore line, shape and colour in natural forms. They will make observations of natural objects and use their observations as the basis for textile design. They will use their experience of fabrics to make a collage, and learn and use simple techniques for appliqué.
- **R.E.** - In R.E. children will complete the unit 'Senses in worship' which involves concentration on the senses and how they are used by the pupils themselves and believers in worship. Children will then learn about the Easter story and why it is an important time for Christians.
- **French** - In French this half term we will be focussing on colours, instructions and family.
- **Music** - In Music children will commence the unit 'What's the score' which will help them to learn how to play various musical instruments. Children will develop an understanding of the many different ways sounds are made and changed.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent on a Friday for Literacy and Numeracy and must be returned by the following Wednesday **at the latest.**

### What you can do to help

- **Literacy** - Please discuss the Romans with your child and encourage your child to write paragraphs about a particular thing relating to the Romans e.g. Roman food.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to practise his/her Numeracy targets at home. Please also practise the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables with your child at home. Ask your child to read and write numbers in figures and words to 100. Ask your child to practise doubles and halves to 20. Ask your child to practise the number bonds to 20. Ask your child to add / subtract a multiple of 10 to or from any 2 digit number. Please discuss time with your child and encourage him/her to tell you what time it is. Please encourage your child to read analogue and digital times. Ask your child to share out items equally to practise his/her division skills. Practise counting up to 100 and back. If you are out shopping, please ask your child to read the prices of items. Ask your child to help you to make the money amounts using different coins. Ask your child questions about how much change he/she will get if he/she bought something for e.g. 37p and he/she gave the shopkeeper £1.00.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about Electricity and the solar system. Discuss the phases of the Moon and the rotation of the Earth. Question your child about the cause of day and night.
- **Topic** - If you can, you could visit the library and research books about Romans or research information online with your child.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask him/her questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what he/she is reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school.
- **Homework** - Please support your child in the completion of homework.