



## WORKSOP PRIORY C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Year 5 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the Spring term!

Welcome back to a new term. Our focus will be 'Were the Romans Really Rotten?' The topic takes the children on a journey back to Ancient Rome as well as exploring what life would have been like here in Britain under Roman rule. There will also be a chance for the children to link their learning to the present day by investigating the Roman legacy. We will be trying our hands at Roman Art and preparing our very own Roman feast on our Roman day. Our Geography work will extend into a study of the European region of Campania. All curriculum areas will be linked into the topic where possible and we will write a range of genres alongside having a strong focus on punctuation and grammar skills. The next English sequences include; mystery and suspense, an adventurer's diary and vivid descriptions, these will cover all reading and writing objectives. There is also a lot of Science work this term, and our topics include properties of materials and changes of materials. In RE, Year 5 will be exploring the Bible and its teachings. We will further develop games skills in PE and we will also begin our swimming sessions during this term.

It is important that the children take responsibility for their own learning and not only continue to research topics for themselves but also complete all unfinished work. We would ask that you support us in this very important area – extra time will be given in class, golden time and homework clubs for those that do not complete their work. It is also vital that your child continues to read regularly at home both to develop their independence as readers, as well as to expose them to good models for writing. Your child's class teacher will monitor the reading material chosen and the amount undertaken at home.

There are four main things you need to ensure that your child has in school each day:

- ✓ **Reading pack** – reading is a vital skill for success across the curriculum so please make sure that your child brings his / her reading pack each day to school (Priory book bag please due to limited space)
- ✓ **Glasses** – if your child needs to wear glasses they need to be brought into school each day. If you do have problems with this ask the optician for a second pair and keep them in school.
- ✓ **Asthma inhalers** – If your child is asthmatic it is essential that your child's name is on the school register and they have an up to date inhaler in school. Without this he / she will not be able to go on visits, swimming or take part in PE sessions.
- ✓ **Water Bottles** – regular intake of water helps your child to focus as well as keep hydrated.

#### **School Uniform**

As you are aware, we have a compulsory school uniform at Priory and children are required to wear the following:

**Boys:** Black trousers, burgundy knitted jumper or tank top (with school badge), plain white buttoned shirt, clip on tie (real tie optional from Year 3), black school shorts in the Summer, black or grey socks.

**Girls:** Black pinafore dress/skirt/trousers, burgundy cardigan or tank top (with school badge), plain white buttoned blouse (with top fastening button), clip on tie (real tie optional from Year 3), yellow and white gingham dresses (no tie required)/black school shorts in the Summer (optional), black, white or grey socks **or** black, grey or burgundy tights.

**All children must wear appropriate, sensible, black shoes with good grip and closed toes. Trainers are not acceptable.**

Please be aware that children should not be wearing nail varnish or make up of any kind. Hair should not be dyed or have patterns shaved into it and haircuts should not be extreme.

**The only jewellery worn in school should be a small watch. Children with pierced ears may wear small, plain gold studs, which must be removed on PE days.**

We would ask that if you wish your child to have pierced ears then please wait for the Summer holidays. If your child does have his/her ears pierced during school time, they will need to wear micro-pore tape from home over their new studs during PE lessons for a few weeks.

#### **P.E. Kit**

The school PE kit consists of a plain white t shirt, black or navy blue shorts, training shoes (in a separate carrier bag if possible) and jogging pants / track suit for the colder weather. It should be brought into school every Monday and taken home for a wash on Friday. Long hair will need to be tied back in all sport lessons.

The coloured T shirts representing house teams should also be kept in the PE bag for occasional use during lessons.

### **Coats**

Children will need to have a coat in school each day for playtimes, visits etc. Please ensure that it is clearly named.

### **Drinking Water bottles**

We would ask parents to try and ensure the bottles are taken home and washed thoroughly every weekend. Replacement bottles will cost £2 each.

### **Reading books**

The children will take part in various reading activities each week and they will be able to choose from a wide range of fiction or non fiction at a suitable level. It is the **child's responsibility** to change the book when they have finished it. If your child has completed their book, or is finding it too easy/difficult or unsuitable, please encourage them to change it during the day.

### **Homework**

#### **Children are expected to:**

- Read at least 3 times a week at home (Please record this in their record book)
- Learn spellings ready for the weekly Thursday spelling test
- Practise the Learn Its each week, which will be shared via a Marvellous Me message. (If you are not on Marvellous Me please ask for them). There is a 'Beat That' challenge each week to check that the children are improving.
- From time to time there may be other activities sent home to reinforce our work in class or to work towards a specific target, and if your child is receiving extra support they may be asked to complete tasks and challenges as part of a specialised programme

### **Optional Homework**

- Curriculum Projects

The children will be encouraged to complete a project that ties in with the class topic. There will be 5 suggested activities and the children will be able to choose which they would like to complete over the half term. Children will then bring their project in to showcase as part of the 'Topic Review' event. There will be rewards for those who complete 3 of the activities to a good standard and extra effort/more activities completed will be rewarded even further!

#### **Also:**

- Work at home to complete more of the 100 List activities
- Take part in the Class Blog each week

### **Zero Tolerance**

At Priory we believe that good behaviour for learning is essential and that every child has the right to work without being disrupted. Therefore if your child is disruptive they will be given one warning and if they continue to disrupt they will be asked to sit on the edge of the class and have "time out". If your child continues to disrupt they will be sent to another class to allow the rest of the class to carry on working. Parents will be informed if their child's behaviour is not appropriate and asked to support the school in ensuring that their behaviour improves.

### **What do I do if I have a problem or am concerned about something that has happened?**

In the first instance, please make an appointment to see the lead or pastoral care teacher. If you still need help after that, you are welcome to make an appointment to see Mrs Rawson or Mr Abbott.

Kind regards

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