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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Curriculum - Autumn 2019

Welcome to the new school year and the first curriculum newsletter. Both Durham and Edinburgh Universities have had an exciting term learning about a range of different topics. We have explored Tudors and Stuarts, the scene of light and marriage in different cultures.

The Roman Empire



The theme we will be following during the next half term is 'The Roman Empire,' in which we will be studying the Romans and their impact on Britain.

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| English  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading the terrific text 'Boy in the Girls Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. • Learning the key features of a diary and learning how to write in an informal tone. • Writing our own short stories. • Learning how to write persuasively. |
| Mathematics  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solving questions involving addition, subtraction, multiplication & division • Learning how to operate with decimal numbers, percentages and fractions • Learning language for maths tests. |
| Science  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about living things and their habitat. • Understanding the 5 classification kingdoms • Creating our own classification keys |
| Art | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at how the Romans used Art and sculpture to represent people in action. • Improving our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. |
| History | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how the Romans came to rule in Britain. • Studying the expansion of the Roman Empire • Learning how Romans have influenced society today. • Finding out why Boudica was important in History. |

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Learning and Living in Harmony

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| RE  | We will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about sacrifice within different religions and thinking about what is important to us. |
| Music  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring tempo, texture, structure, duration and appropriate musical notation. • Listening to music with attention to detail and recalling sounds with increasing musical memory. |
| P.E  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing our techniques in gymnastics. • Developing flexibility, strength, control and balance. • Exploring gymnastic sequences |
| I.C.T and Computing  | We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring computer networks including the internet and how they can provide multiple services. • Learning how to use technology safely. |

Here are some ways that you can help your child at home:

- Ensure your child is reading daily for at least 20 minutes.
- Read with your child and ask them questions about the text they have read to test their understanding.
- Ensure your child is understanding new words they come across and using a dictionary to help them.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework on Hegarty Maths
- Check Show My Homework for their English homework and spellings.
- Homework is always due on a Tuesday.
- Help your child learn their multiplication tables by regularly practising with them at home, in the car or any spare time you have. If they know their tables really well, test them on division facts – they need to know both. The PiXL Times Table app/website is great way to support this.

Other books they might enjoy that link to their topic are:

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit.

Escape from Pompeii tells the story of a young boy called Tranio who lives in Pompeii at the time of the famous eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79.

The Roman Quests: Escape from Rome by Caroline Lawrence

Escape from Rome is a completely gripping adventure filled with danger, excitement and some really gritty themes to get stuck into.

Defenders: Dark Arena by Tom Palmer

In this story, football-lover Seth is interested in the new stadium being built by a Premier League football club, but it soon becomes apparent that something untoward is happening and the lives of the workers there are in danger. As Seth encounters the shadows of slaves from Roman times, he is forced to confront their own fears as horrible injustices in the present day mirror atrocities from the past.

Wish all our families a relaxing half-term break and we look forward to the children returning for the second part of the Autumn term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Smith and Mr Ward
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