



Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter 2019



In Year 5, we continue our journey back to the time of the Romans and Spartacus. Spartacus was not Roman, but was part of their slave army. Eventually, he escaped and led a revolt against the Romans. We are looking at how the Roman Empire grew and were defeated and at the effect their occupation had on Britain. We consider how we know about Roman times from the artefacts left behind. In Maths, we start with Roman numerals and will also look at area and perimeter. English brings us historical narrative and non-fiction texts.

Part of our RESPECT curriculum aims to develop our children as people too, so we will be encouraging and supporting them to find out more about themselves and be the best they can be. To support this we will continue to carry out regular team-building Missions.

Children will need PE kits to be brought in on Monday and left in school all week please. PE is as much part of the curriculum as Maths and English and children need to be taking part. If there is a reason for your child not to take part, please would you inform the class teacher.

Weekly homework is handed out on Fridays and should be returned to school by Tuesday. If your child is struggling, they should ask us for help on Monday so that they can hand it in on time. Optional RESPECT homework can be handed in at any time.

English: this could be a reading or writing based activity and should take 20-30 minutes

Maths: again, this should take about 20-30 minutes. They will practice times tables every week in class, so they will not have regular homework on this.

RESPECT: we will complete one activity at the end of each Mission unit. This is roughly once every 2 weeks.

Spelling: in your child's homework book is a list of words that we will focus on this half term, so please encourage them to learn them. Spelling tests will usually take place on a Thursday.

Reading: children who read are usually better writers, especially if they read a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Through reading they pick up a wider range of vocabulary, but also see how sentences are put together and have a better 'feel' for what good writing looks like. Please encourage your child to read, maybe for ten minutes a day as a before bed calming down activity? Library sessions will usually take place on Fridays, children will have a chance to swap their reading books at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member the Year 5 team before or after school. We are:

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Thank you for your continued support.