

How to help your child with Reading.

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Use a dictionary to check the meaning of words that they have read.
- Read books that are structured in different ways and for a range of purposes.
- Discuss a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts identifying their themes.

You can help your child by:

- Encouraging children to look up unknown words in a dictionary.
- Reading with your child a variety of texts including newspapers, magazines and reference books. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/>

How to help your child with Writing.

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Discuss and plan their writing thinking about how they organise it and the vocabulary they use.
- Spell further homophones e.g. see and sea.
- Use adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause.
- Proof read their writing for punctuation errors.

You can help your child by:

- Discuss talk homework questions with your child and brainstorm ideas together.

How to help your child with Maths.

By the end of this term, your child is expected to:

- Know 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables.
- Tell the time using the terms 'past' and 'to'
- Add a three digit number to a multiple of 10 (e.g. $324 + 20 =$)

You can help your child by:

- Using time websites
- Asking your son/daughter times-table questions at random.
- Play TT rockstars. Use Mathematics daily.

Homework

Please remember that homework is an essential part of the children's learning and it is important that they complete it at home. Homework is given out every Friday and needs to be handed in on Wednesday. Homework Club is run after school every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15- 4.15. Homework will be sent out in the new year.

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Spring Term Year 3

A Roman Introduction.

The Romans came to Britain around 2000 years ago and changed our country forever. Even today, evidence of the Roman occupation can still be seen in place names, language, the remains of Roman buildings and the road network we still use every day. We will even be visiting the remains of a real Roman city in St. Albans.

The children will be given the opportunity to become archaeologists exploring and sourcing much of the information from researching on the internet, reading books and visiting places of historic interest.

Launch Day

On Monday 7th January 2019 we will be having our launch day. This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. In order to bring the varied history of the Romans to life, we would like the children to dress up as:

- A Roman soldier
- A toga wearing Roman citizen
- A lady wearing a Roman 'stolla'
- A man wearing a Roman 'tunic'

Key Dates for Spring Term

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - First day back
Monday 7th January 2019 - Launch day
Friday 15th February - Marvellous Middle
18th February 2019—22th February - HALF TERM
Monday 25th February 2019 — INSET DAY
Tuesday 26th February 2019 — Children return
Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent consultations
Thursday 21st March 2019 - Parent consultations
Friday 5th April 2019 — Break up for Easter

Date TBC - St Albans Verulamium Museum Trip



Books to read

Roman Myths Series - Geraldine McCauchrean & Tony Ross
Horrible Histories - Rotten Romans - Terry Deary & Martin Brown
Roman Tales - Terry Deary
More confident readers -
The Eagle of the Ninth - Rosemary Sutcliff
Roman Mysteries Series - Caroline Lawrence



Ideas for Dressing Up

This does not need to cost any money: think about what you can use from around the home.

A bed sheet with a safety pin makes a simple but effective and elegant toga.

Get creative making armour and shields using cardboard and foil to become a gruesome gladiator.

