

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half-term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

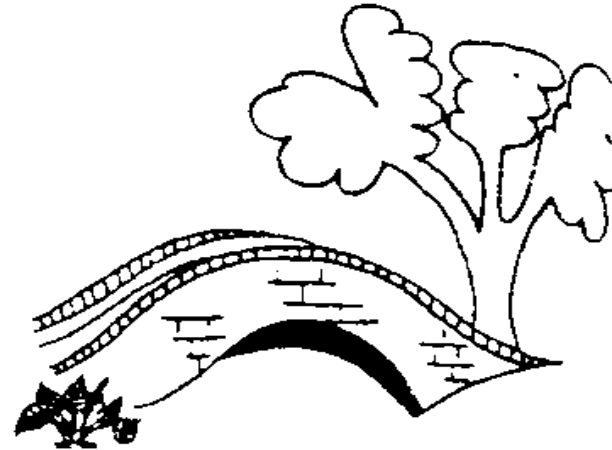
Useful Websites:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

<https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-rome.html>

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/volcanoes_and_earthquakes/volcanoes_and_earthquakes.html

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Curriculum Information for Parents

Summer Term 2023

Mayfly Class

English Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work. We will begin by reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii', a story set in Roman times in the fated city of Pompeii. We will use this text as inspiration for descriptive writing, recounts and an informal letter.

We will then go on to look at the features of explanation texts and write an explanation of how and where volcanoes and earthquakes occur.

In addition to these lessons, we will have daily spellings, handwriting and reading sessions.

Mathematics The Year 4s will begin the term by revising their knowledge of decimal numbers and extending it to understanding hundredths. They will then go on to explore the relationship between pounds and pence.

The Year 3s will be beginning to learn more efficient written methods such as the column method for addition and subtraction and then revise the properties of 2 and 3 D shapes. In addition to these lessons, we will have daily fluency sessions to revise concepts and allow for quick recall of facts.

Science In the first term we will be learning about plant growth. We will be looking at the different parts of plants and how they contribute to successful growth, including flowers, stems, leaves and roots. In the second half of the term, we will focus on 'keeping healthy' in which we explore the importance of sleep, exercise and in particular, eating a balanced diet. The children will use the 'Eatwell' plate to help them design and make a healthy balanced meal. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

Humanities Our topic this term will be the Romans, followed by a geography topic about Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will use the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the Roman city of Pompeii as a case study, therefore linking the history and the geography together.

As part of this term's work, we will be visiting the Roman city of Chester and finding about the Roman's impact on Britain and our local area.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

We will begin the term by looking at the importance of relationships, with our friends and families. We will look at roles within the family and possible conflicts and how to cope with them. We will then go on to look at how we can be a Global Citizen.

P.E. For our P.E this term, we will be swimming at Market Drayton Swimming Baths on a Friday morning. There will also be some cricket and tennis coaching sessions throughout the term and the dates for these sessions will be communicated to you so the children can come dressed in their P.E kits.

Art and Design We are inspired by our topic for art and design this term and will be exploring the Roman art of mosaics. After studying different examples of mosaic design the children will go on to design and create their own mosaic.

Design Technology This term, our design technology work will 'be 'food technology' linked to our Science work. The children will design and make a healthy balanced lunch box and their own 'healthy' pizza.

Spanish We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout this term. The children in Year 3 and 4 will be continuing to develop their conversational skills, including introducing themselves, describing their family and describing the weather.

R.E. In the first half of the term we will be exploring the question, what do Christians learn from the creation story? This unit focuses on the Creation story in Genesis. In the second half of the term the children will explore the question, What kind of world did Jesus want? This unit focuses on understanding and recognising the Gospel as being a book of good news about Jesus' life. Children will explore stories in the Gospels.

Computing This term, the children in Year 3 and 4 will be exploring how we can learn through virtual reality. There will also be an opportunity to design an online game for young children.

Music We are very fortunate to have continued input from the Shropshire Music Service with Mrs Hawk. She will continue to teach the children how to play the Pbuzz as well as exploring a wide range of musical concepts.