



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2024

Welcome to this term's curriculum letter within which you will find useful information for you to assist your child in their first term in Year 5.

Reminders:

- Your child's P.E. kit needs to be in school all week, from Monday.
- For the first half of the Autumn term, they will need trainers. After the half-term break, they will ideally need football or rugby boots (for work on the field) and trainers (for work on the playground), shorts, a t-shirt, and spare PE socks. The P.E. kit/games kit will be sent home every Friday to be cleaned. As the weather gets colder, the children are allowed to bring in a plain, dark-coloured tracksuit.
- The children will also need a named art apron – or old shirt or t-shirt – in school all week. We do activities involving pastels, paints and clay, and the children will need something to protect their uniform and keep it clean.
- Home Learning is usually set on a Wednesday or Thursday and is usually due to be returned by the following Tuesday. If you have any issues with any of the tasks or activities set, please do let me know.
- Spelling activities will be done in school, as part of lessons every day. We aim to test them on their spellings to track their progress.
- We will test the children on the quick recall of their times tables each week. Please encourage your child to keep practising using the TT Rockstars website. Regular practise of these at home is **absolutely essential** for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this.
- Regular reading continues to be essential – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to continue to make progress. This could include your child's school reading books, newspapers, magazines, comics, recipes or non-fiction books.



This term:

This Autumn term is set to be an exciting one. We will be learning about “Invaders” (The Romans in Britain) in History, Forces and Properties of Materials in Science, and Settlement Detectives in Geography. In Maths, we will be concentrating on number; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and Roman Numerals. Literacy will be story writing and writing a play script based on “Julius Caesar” by William Shakespeare.

Our Invaders topic has History as its main focus but will also link to Literacy, Maths, Geography, Art, Computing and D&T. There will also be many exciting experiences for us to look forward to, including:



- We will be asking the children to make their own Roman shields and learning how the Romans used them to protect themselves in battle.
- We will be learning about the Roman history and geography of Chichester and the surrounding area.
- We will learn how to put on togas.
- We will learn about the legend of Romulus and Remus.
- We are having a ‘Roman Day’, (Friday October 11th) with the children dressing the part and bringing in the shields that they have made.
- We intend to organise at least one Roman trip out to Fishbourne Roman Palace or The Novium (or both!)
- We will be dipping into the play, “Julius Caesar” by William Shakespeare.

To support Mr Hanna with preparing for the move to the new site, I am going to be out of class on a Friday and the children will be taught by Miss Lomax. Mrs Cooke will also be supporting the class by teaching them art on a Thursday afternoon.

We are also taking advantage of some free Forest Schools sessions on Tuesday afternoons for six weeks! We truly do have a busy term ahead.

Ideas for supporting your child’s learning:

- useful websites might include http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans__or <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>;
- visit the local library;
- useful books to read include non-fiction texts about the Romans, Celts, Boudicca, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings;
- develop your child’s mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers.

Finally, do you know anyone who...

- has a suitable DVD on the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings that we could borrow?
- has the time to come in and help us with some artwork, cooking or with trips? If so, please do let me know!

Mrs Taylor and I are looking forward to a fantastic year with the children in Year 5!

Best wishes,
Mr Neaves