



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Curriculum Letter – Summer Term

Welcome to this term's curriculum letter within which you will find useful information for you to assist your child in their last term in Year 5. A copy of this term's jigsaw sheet, which gives you an overview of the areas of learning and curriculum content that the children will be studying this term, can be found on our school website: www.jys.org.uk.

Reminders:

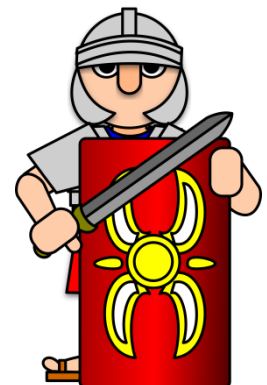
- Please can P.E. kit continue to be in school all week from Monday morning? It will then be sent home each Friday to completely clear the cloakroom and to allow the kit to be washed. To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners promptly, please can you ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other school clothing is clearly named? The children will need trainers – and not football boots – for all P.E. this term.
- Home learning is usually set on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday, but where I can, I will set it earlier in the week to allow the children more time to complete it. Thank you for your continued support with signing off home learning tasks and encouraging your child to hand their home learning in on time.
- Every Monday the children will bring home spellings. We are continuing to work on all of the times tables, so the children will be tested on them all, randomly. These will be tested on Friday. 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 aloud continues to be essential in Year 5 – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to make progress. Daily reading material will include your child's school book, but can of course extend to texts such as other reading books, newspapers, recipe books, magazines/comics or joke books.

This term:

This summer term is set to be an exciting one. We will be learning about "Invaders" (The Romans in Britain, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings). Towards the end of the summer term the class will also have the opportunity to choose the topic to learn about. The children will have an on-going input into their learning regarding this topic and they will also choose how to present more of their work this term.

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 a Roman walk through Chichester on 17th May
- 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 will learn about Roman onagers before designing and making



our own.

- We will be learning about the Saxons in Britain
- We will also be looking at some of Shakespeare's work, including "Julius Caesar".

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 model of a Roman onager?
- 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 art work, cooking or with trips? If so, please do let me know!

Best wishes,

Mr White