



CLASS 5MC

Our theme for this half term is...

Emperors and Empires:

How was the Roman invasion of Britain significant?



Literacy

Our class text in Literacy, this half term, will be 'The Good Thieves' by Katherine Rundell.

Main areas of study will be:

- Character description
- Setting descriptions
- Diary and letter writing

Also, during literacy, your child will be focusing on developing their reading and comprehension skills, sentence structure, grammar, spellings and handwriting.

Numeracy

Main areas of study:

- Number system
- Place value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Also, we will continue to focus on the quick recall of all of the times tables. Please encourage your child to continue to learn these at home too.

Science

In Science our main topic will be Forces and mechanisms. This project looks at the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects. They will learn about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect. We will also be using practical investigations to learn about pattern seeking and observing over time.

ICT

During ICT we will look at internet safety. We will also be learning how to use Google Classroom and the working of different computer systems.

Art

In Art we will be studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. They will learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings.

Homework

Homework will consist of spellings and maths challenges. The spellings will be sent home via email each Friday and a spelling test will follow on the next Friday.

Maths challenges and spelling, grammar and punctuation activities will also be set on Purplemash and spag.com. Links to these will be sent out each Friday on our weekly activities sheet.

History

In History we will be looking at the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain

RE

During RE we will be looking at what it is like to be a Muslim and follow God - we will also be comparing Islam with Christianity, looking for similarities and differences.

PE

PE lessons will focus on the theme 'Personal skills' and will usually take place on a Monday. Children will need their indoor kit of plain red shorts and white t-shirt, as well as their outdoor kit (plain black joggers and plain black sweatshirt) each week, as lessons will be taught outside where possible. They will also need their trainers on this day.

Music

During music lessons we will be using Charanga.com to develop our musical knowledge. We will be looking at different genres of music and different elements of music.

Home reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home daily. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night, in order to progress up the class reading ladder, where they need to reach 5 reads each week. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day and they will be changed once read.

If you have any questions, please contact me on m.capes@stj.hslt.academy or contact the school office if urgent.